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### **EDUCATION**

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# Fight over language scuppers Ian Smith memoirs



Smith: "Zimbabwe is rotten to the core"

THE long-awaited memoirs of lan Smith, Rhodesia's last Prime Minister, have been dropped by a leading publisher because he says he insisted on describing his successor in Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe, and his guerrilla army as terrorists.

Mr Smith, who is now offering the book, The Great Betrayal, to other major London publishing houses, was last night in an unrepentant mood about the colourful language and opinions in his con-troversial autobiography. Speaking to *The Times* from his

holiday home in Cape Town last night, he said: "They would rather I would talk about freedom fighters or guerrillas as opposed to terror-

nothing else. "I list the massacres. Thousands more blacks than whites were killed. What else can you call them but terrorists? They either publish my book in my words, in my writing, or they can find another

The autobiography, which was to have been published by Harp-erCollins late last year, has been edited by a professor of history at the University of Natal. But the repeated references to the "terrorist" activities of Mr Mugabe, and his Zanu (PF) party which has been in power since 1980, have proved too much for the publishers

However, Mr Smith, whose illegal regime defied the world for 15 years, is confident of securing a deal

which would enable publication by the summer. "I want to have it published in London. It must be published. It is important for history and the record."

Few punches are pulled by the ruler of rebel Rhodesia whose Unilateral Declaration of Independence from Britain in 1965 took his country into a 14-year guerrilla war which cost 30,000 lives. Mr Smith's bitterness at betrayal by Britain America and finally South Africa, dominates several chapters.

There are graphic accounts of behind the scenes arguments with Harold Wilson, the then British Prime Minister, during the protractnegotiations following UDI which led to inconclusive summit meetings aboard the British war-

ships Tiger and Fearless. The book makes no apologies for inflicting the economic sanctions and war upon

people, "said Mr Smith. There is one exception in the long list of politicians Mr Smith blames economic sanctions and war upon Rhodesia. Mr Smith, a former Second World War RAF fighter pilot, maintained last night that the struggle to sustain UDI had strenghted the Rhodesian economy and left the new style Zimbabwe as

she "Jewel of Africa".

But the real venom in the long awaited book is reserved for the present of the peace deal which put light majority government in power in Zimbabwe in 1980. The section on Lord Carrington, who chaired the crucial Lancaster House talks, had to be carefully read by the libel lawyers. Everybody is in the line of fire. Peter Carrington is to blame. I do not favour particular

for his betrayal. Baroness Thatcher, who as Prime Minister mitiated the Lancaster House talks that led to elections and Zimbabwe's independence, is exonerated. "I am told by my friends in London that Peter Carrington misled Mrs Thatcher. in retrospect I had more in common with Harold Wilson than I did with

the Tories. I knew where I stood

with him. I never did with the

Tories. The relative warmth with which Mr Smith regards the late Lord Wilson of Rievaulx is all the more surprising since it was revealed last year that the British Prime Minister had ordered MI6 to overthrow the persuade him to stay in the Commonwealth ended in embarrassing failure. Mr Smith dismissed the alleged coup order, saying: "That is tame stuff alongside all the other shenanigans that went on."

Mr Smith uses the book to attack his home country of Zimababwe and rails against Mr Mugabe. "The country is romen to the core," he

There was some confusion at HarperCollins about the fate of the tome. A spokeswoman said: "We were going ahead. But we are not now. I am not clear why." A second telephone call drew a more vague response. "I am not sure if we were ever definitely going ahead. But we certainly are not now."

Icy winds

keep grip

on Europe

HEAVY snow and freezing temperatures disrupted air. rail and road traffic across Britain and northern and east-

the wintry conditions would

continue today and into next

week. A spokesman said: "Over the weekend, it will

slowly become a little less cold

and temperatures should be

above freezing in most places.

but there is no sign of an end

to the freezing easterly winds, and the very cold weather will

in northern and eastern

Europe, heavy snowfalls and sub-zero conditions have

blighted international air and

rail travel, but brought better

Strong winds and spring

cent of the road that runs

around the landing bay on

Lundy. The National Trust.

which owns the island, esti-

mates repair costs at £250,000.

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conditions for those skling.

be back on Tuesday."

ern Europe yesterday. Temperatures dropped to 2C in eastern Britain and to -12 in parts of Europe, bringing snow, bitterly cold winds and icy roads. The London Weather Centre said last night that

# Uproar over test failures by 11-year-olds

By John O'Leary and Philip Webster

TEST results showing that more than half of all 11-yearolds are not up to standard in English and mathematics provoked a storm over primary

school teaching yesterday.

Tony Blair branded the results appailing, John Major described them as disappointing, and education experts immediately used them to demand a return to more traditional teaching methods.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, denied that anything was seriously wrong with junior schools, but admit and maths were not good

Some 600,000 11-year-olds took the national curriculum tests last summer, of whom 56 per cent failed to reach the required level in maths, while 52 per cent were lagging behind in English. Science produced the only success story, with 70 per cent reaching the target level.

There was an improvement. however, in the performance of children aged seven and fourteen, with about 70 per cent of seven-year-olds reaching the expected standard across all subjects.

That success rate was immediately used in conjunction with the II-year-olds' results to raise questions about the af-

Major assurance

John Major has written to

John Bruton, the Irish Prime

Minister, assuring him that

he was not seeking to revive a Stormont-style assembly in which Unionists always had

the whiphand. Mr Bruton

had given a warning against

Hothouse valley

A plan has been unveiled to

turn a Cornish valley into a

world of rainforests, tropical

which will have its own

gardens and desert under four giant hothouses, each of

unilateral action.

fect of four years of junior school teaching, and John Redwood called for a value added" scale to measure children's progress through the

In the Commons, the figures sparked a fierce row over education standards, with Mr Blair blaming the results on 17

6 This was John Major's best PM's Ouestions ever. He left with order

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years of Conservative rule. These children were born under a Conservative Government, sent to school under a Conservative Government and educated under a Conservative Government. The failure is not theirs but the Conservative Government's,"

But the Prime Minister hit back with a powerful, almost electioneering, performance. He attacked Labour for oppos-

he said.

ing the tests in the first place and taunted Mr Blair over Harriet Harman's decision to send her son to a grammar school 14 miles away. If the Conservatives had failed, why had some of his frontbench colleagues taken their chilren away from Labour education authorities and had them schooled under Conservative ones, he demanded.

When Mr Blair angrily rose to his feet again to claim that Mr Major was focusing on Ms Harman's 11-year-old son "to conceal the damage they have retaliated with a string of statistics to defend the Tory record.: more GCSE passes more A level passes and more pupils going on to university. And he scored a direct hit on

class sizes, pointing out that for children up to 16 the average secondary school class size in Islington, where Mr Blair lives, is lower than at the London Oratory - the school attended by the Labour leader's son.

The exchanges delighted Tory MPs, who cheered wildly, but they upset Labour MPs who have been calling for Ms Harman's resignation. One said that they proved that every time education was raised, people would be reminded of the affair. "The



Gillian Shephard, Education Secretary, denied yesterday that anything was seriously wrong with junior schools

By Russell Jenkins and Adrian Lee

longer she hangs on, the more of complacency and said the demoralising it will be for the party," he said.

Away from the heat of Ouestion Time, Mrs Shephard said that the 11-year-olds who took the tests last year had been held back by an overloaded curriculum, which was being slimmed down, giving teachers more time to concentrate on the basics. But her Labour counterpart,

David Blunkett, accused her

results exposed a crisis in the teaching of the basics. These results show just how far we have to go in raising standards, especially in primary schools," he said.

Secondary heads said the results confirmed the findings of its survey last year which lamented the standard of literacy among pupils arriving from primary schools, but teaching unions cast doubts

AN unemployed computer

analyst has become the first

man in this country to be officially ostracised by the Jewish community over his

The sanction, delivered by

the Federation of Synagogues Beth Din, a Jewish court, will make Moses David, 43, of

Watford Way, northwest London, a virtual persona non

Orthodox Jews are prohibit-

ed from eating, drinking or sitting within 6ft of him

although they are allowed to

talk to him. Further punish-

ments, preventing his carrying out religious duties, may follow if he continues to dis-

The ruling - called a nudui

- effectively amounts to a

contempt of court and comes

as senior Jewish leaders are

trying to change both civil and

religious law to ease the plight.

of the so-called "chained

women", who find themselves

grata among Jews.

obey the court.

refusal to divorce his wife.

on the accuracy of the latest tests and the Liberal Democrats' Don Foster described them as crude and simplistic. David Hart of the National Association of Headmasters

said: "I don't think it would be right to criticise primary schools. They have been through an enormous revolution in recent years."

Jewish faith. Dr Jonathan

Sacks, the Chief Rabbi, has

been looking at ways to lift the 2,000-year- old religious law declaring that a woman is unable to consider her mar-

riage over until her husband grants her a bill of divorce.

tailed a get.
The wife in the case, Rachel

David, 30, hailed the judge-ment as a victory for the

lieves it reveals a changing

attitude among Jewish elders, She said: This is a break-

through for a lot of women who feel threatened and fee

nobody is there to help them.

have shown the way. Husbands will have to think very

seriously before behaving like

Mrs David, who has a 12

year-old daughter and two

sons, aged ten and nine, were divorced in a civil court in

1992. However Mr David has

always refused to give his wife

a divorce recognisable to her

chained women

this to their wives."

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# black and white fax.

### 'Today' given out by radio cricket

CRICKET is to bounce BBC Radio 4's flagship news programme Today from the early morning airwaves next month. Live coverage of the World Cup matches in India and Pakistan will replace the programme on Long Wave.

Protest groups are aiming hostile deliveries at the decision to broadcast Today essential listening for the chattering classes and decisionmakers - on FM only.

Jocelyn Hay, chairman of the Voice of the Listener and Viewer, said she expected her members to mount a strong attack. "It is outrageous and the BBC wants to get its priorities right. There are a lot of people who still cannot get Radio 4 on FM particularly in cars and on older sets."

The BBC, which claims that more than 90 cent of the country is covered by FM, has installed helplines to advise angry listeners in pockets of the country which have difficulty in receiving the frequen-

cy how to retune. The unprecedented situation has arisen because of the BBC's recent decision to put ball-by-ball cricket coverage on Radio 4 Long Wave instead of on Radio 5.

The BBC says that only two editions of *Today* are initially under threat. They coincide with England matches against Holland and South Africa on February 14 and 22. But if England proceed to the quarter finals, further editions could be at arisk.

Peter Baxter, producer of the World Cup coverage, emphasises that the World Cup takes place only every four years. "It is a hard nettle to grasp but the programmers

did the only thing they could." The protest is likely to rival that of The Archers listeners who successfully skittled BBC plans three years ago to turn the Long Wave frequency into a 24-hour news service.

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### Jews told to shun SATURDAY IN THE TIMES reluctant divorcé



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# Blair receives education in vanity of pride

is that they start gloating before they've won. Premature triumphalism (the medical term is exultatio praecox) is common among politicians. It is thought to arise from wanting something so much that, when it comes within reach, self-control is lost. The odious spectacle ofiers enemies an unguarded flank. Triumphalism cheats the triumphant of their

A famous example occurred at the Sheffield rally, days before Labour were (as they believed) to win the 1992 election. There was much punching the air and arriving in helicopters. We'll be the judge of that," thought the Labour seemed on course to win that the voters resolved to knock them off it. Days before. in an excess of confidence, Shadow Chancellor John Smith had actually told them

he was going to put up taxes. Premature triumphalism has surfaced again more re-cently. With "new" Labour scoring a famous victory over Clause 4, and their party surging ahead in the polls, the Blairite modernisers begin to assume that the press will feed from their hands, that the public does not wish to know about gaps between preaching and practice, and that the "old" Parliamentary Labour Party can be herded around like sheep by Mr Blair's young



POLITICAL SKETCH

lads and Lassies. "Who cares," reason the modernisers. "where we send our children to school? Mind your own business." Mr Blair starts prefixing his answers to interviewers with a spoken "Look" and an unspoken "stimid" Pride. Last weekend came the fall. By Tuesday Blair was in serious trouble at Prime

Nobody, however, could call him faint-hearted: he has the opposite problem. On Wednesday he led an audacious fightback, knocking the sheep

Minister's Ouestions.

into line behind him. That afternoon Harriet Harman carried all before her in a triumphant Commons per-

Ah! That word again. Did Mr Blair, offering up a prayer of thanks for his deliverance, resolve to tread a little more carefully for a while? Did he heck! By yesterday morning, as he surveyed the "Blair crushes revolt" headlines, the Labour leader became super-

His fightback was now unstoppable. Spitting at adversi- Major could not believe his

ty, he would turn it into an advance. At PM's Questions he would actually choose Edu-education policy and alleged cation for his attack on the Tories.

By no means was this forced on him. The first question was from a Labour backbencher. Barry Sheerman. Thus the PM could be steered off schools (Sheerman chose the CBI) leaving Blair, when he rose, with a free choice of

If Blair had asked about cancer wards and Major had turned his reply to St Olave's school, the House would have felt demeaned, the PM wrongfooted. We would have groaned.

But Blair chose schools.

double standards could be used. Revelling in the cheers Major redoubled the attack,

more assured with every hit. This was John Major's best PM's Questions ever. Back-benchers rose to cheer. He left to a display of Order Papers fluttering like flags on a Tibet-an temple. Suddenly, the Tory vipers slither over themselves to patronise their leader. In his sourer moods, Mr Major

might echo Dr Johnson: "Is not a Patron, My Lord. one who looks with unconcern on a Man struggling for Life in the Water, and when he has reached ground encumbers him with Help?"

### Prince wins few allies in millennium call

Church leaders advised the Prince of Wales yesterday against pursuing a millennium crusade to build more churches and mosques. They said that with congregations

falling there were enough empty pews. What was needed was a year of spiritual renewal.

Bishop Philip Pargeter, who represents the Roman Catholic Church on The National Millennium Commission, said: "We are mark to be a said: "We are mark sion, said: "We are much more concerned about looking after the needs of the poor than building a new cathedral. A spokesman for the Muslim Parliament of Great Britain said that their religion forbade them from accepting money raised by the National Lottery. The Millennium Commission insisted its proposals had a spiritual element.

### Victims tested for drugs

Adults killed in road crashes will be tested for drugs from July because of fears that illegal abuse is one of the biggest single causes of serious traffic accidents. The three-year programme could lead to roadside police checks for drug abuse by early next century. Andrew Howard, AA head of road safety, said: "Drivers should remember any drug could have an adverse effect on driving ability."

### Police pay £90,000

Clare Roberts, 31, a trainee solicitor, and two photographers. Malcolm Glover and Paul Demuth, both 40, were awarded more than £90,000 by police after alleging assault, false imprisonment and malicious prosecution following an incident when Mr Demuth emptied a finy amount of cannahis from a matchbox in Soho. The Metropolitan Police depicted liabelitate

### Helicopter crash verdict

An RAF helicopter crash in which three teenage air cadets died was "a completely unforeseen and unanticipated event", a coroner said yesterday. Dewi Pritchard-Jones recorded verdicts of accidental death on the victims of the crash, in August 1993, after a two-day inquest at Llandudno, Gwynedd. He praised the resourcefulness of the surviving cadet, Sarah Coker, 19. The three crew also survived. .

### Tarantula's lottery trick

As lottery fever sweeps Britain with a record double rollover jackpot exceeding E42.5 million expected this weekend, bizarre methods are being used to pick possible winning numbers. A lemur at London Zoo was given 49 numbered bananas to choose from, parrots have picked out numbered peanuts, and one man picked numbers by letting a tarantula crawi on his payslip.

### Youth wins apology

Magistrates, lawyers and police have apologised to a teenager whose eight-month-old conviction for trespass was quashed when it was accepted that another youth had given his name and address. David Watson, 17, of Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, was convicted in his absence by North Shields Youth Court and fined £40 for trespassing on the Metro line. Police have promised an inquiry.

### Jet took wrong path

A British Airways jumbo jet tried to land at an RAF base after mistaking it for an international airport three miles away, it emerged yesterday. The empty Boeing 747 was on a flight from Heathrow to BA's maintenance depot at Cardiff but took an incorrect path towards RAF St Athan. The incident came to light when the Air Accident Investigation Board confirmed that it had begun an inquiry.

### Russian deal takes root

Gardeners will soon be able to buy seeds by mail order Botanic Gardens through a deal struck with a British gardening club. The National Plant Club, based in Taunton, Somerset, said the collection, founded in 1714 by Peter the Great, would provide seeds of care plants never before seen in the West.



By Nicholas Wood, Nicholas Watt and Michael Binyon

JOHN MAJOR took action yesterday to heal a serious rift in Anglo-Irish relations caused by his backing for an elected body in Northern

The Prime Minister wrote to John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, assuring him that he was not seeking to revive a Stormont-style assembly in which Unionists always had the whiphand.

The letter followed a warning from Mr Bruton against taking "unilateral action" and a claim by his deputy. Dick Spring, that Mr Major was going down a cul de sac. A senior Irish official accused Britain of throwing the Mitchell report "into the bin".

According to a ministerial source in Dublin, Mr Bruton had less than an hour's notice of Mr Major's challenge to Sinn Fein and the IRA on Wednesday to disarm or take part in elections. After two years of close co-operation between the two prime minis-

distanced themselves from

John Major's call for an

elected body in Northern Ire-

In remarks that raised a

question mark over the Oppo-

sition's staunchly bipartisan

approach, Marjorie Mowlam,

Secretary, highlighted nation-alist fears that the body might

herald a return to the days of

unionist domination. In the

Commons she told Sir Patrick

Mayhew, the Northern Ire-

land (Nicholas Wood writes).

ters, the unity of purpose that had driven the peace process was under threat.

Dublin was furious that Mr Major, without the customary consultation, appeared to be erecting a new precondition to Sinn Fein's participation in full political talks. The source accused him of damaging the

peace process. On BBC Radio, Mr Bruton'. complained that he had been told only in general terms about Mr Major's initiative. We cannot have any unilaternature," he said.

But Downing Street denied that Mr Major had tried to "bounce" Mr Bruton into sup-porting an elected body. Officials said that talk of a rift was "overblown" and that Mr Major had set out the main points of his Commons statement in a 35-minute telephone conversation with the Irish leader the night before.

In his letter yesterday, Mr Major told Mr Bruton that he

nouncement had generated a

"worrying air of distrust and a

She asked him to allay those

fears by making clear that

movement towards such a

body would go ahead only with the agreement of all

after John Hume, leader of the

mainly nationalist SDLP, held

a private meeting with Tony Blair to press his point that the

Mitchell report was the way

Labour highlights

nationalist fears

wanted to work with him in persuading all parties to hon-our the six principles on democracy and non-violence set out in the Mitchell report. He said that the sole purpose of his initiative was to get all parties around the table as a prelude to starting all-party talks on the future of Northern Ireland, with which decommissioning of terrorist weapons could run in parallel. Mr Major and Sir Patrick

Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, sought to calm the dispute by emphasising that Britain was not trying to impose a solution on the conflicting parties in Northern Ireland. They pointed to two roads to peace - agreement by Sinn Fein that the IRA would scrap some of its weapons before all-party talks, or early elections to a body that would supply the negotiators for all-party talks without prior decommissioning. They denied that Britain had rejected the Mitchell report, which has proposed a compromise formula in which all-party

talks and decommissioning

run in parallel..

Dublin was angry because it believed that the Mitchell report's recommendation that political parties in Northern Ireland should renounce violence would bolster the peace process. Sources said that although the Mitchell recommendations presented a challenge to Sinn Fein, the party might eventually accept them. Mr Major's plans for an make it difficult to sell the Mitchell report to Sinn Fein because the party could rightly claim that it was worthless.

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Lionel Warne, head teacher of White Hart Lane, outside the school yesterday

# Grant children's school upset at MP's criticism

BY STAFF REPORTERS

CRITICISM of his children's inner city comprehensive education by the Labour MP Bernie Grant drew an angry reaction from teachers at their school yesterday. Lionel Warne, head teacher, said the Tottenham MP had apologised for suggesting the school had failed his three sons. White Hart Lane School, in

Mr Grant's north London constitutency, has the ninth worst academic record in the country, with 37 per cent of 16year-olds failing to obtain a single GCSE last year.

Mr Grant is said to have told a parliamentary party meeting on Wednesday mornhis children to a local school. He criticised the standards of education in his constituency and across London, claiming

it was a "disgrace." Sharon Lawrence, his part-



Grant: was said to be 'talking generally"

day denied reports that he had considered sending the boys to involved the children in politics and he's certainly not going to now," she said.
"He was talking generally

about inner city comprehensives and some of the serious

particularly targeting that school. He certainly does not believe in private education. He would never have sent his children to a private school." Mr Grant's 18-year-old son, Jimmy, passed half a dozen GCSEs and is studying three A levels at White Hart Lane, with the help of two hours' private tuition a week at £20 an hour. Steven, 20, is unemployed,

problems that they have. What he was not doing was

having attended a design course. Jimmy's twin brother Alex is studying catering at

Southgate College. Mr Warne, 53, head teacher for 13 years, said the 83 staff members sent him a letter of meeting at the school. "I think they are hurt and I think they are quite angry. They do not understand why he should have attacked us or them, or the school."



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# Divorcé

Continued from page I religious faith. The judgment, published by the court, states that Mr David, who belongs to a Sephardi synagogue in northwest London, was summoned to the federation three times at his former wife's request. He refused.

After the final summons in March 1995 he was given a warning that if he persisted in his refusal to comply with the courts, he would be formally placed in contempt, or nidui. Mrs David was authorised to publicise the punishment and seek the assistance of the civil

Mrs David, a buyer for a medical equipment company, said: "As far as I am concerned my divorce in the civil courts means nothing to me. 1 was married through a religious ceremony and the only ay i can get out is through my

religion."
The case is highlighted in the Jewish Chronicle today. Dayan Berei Berkovits, of the Federation, said that ostracism is the equivalent to contempt in a civil court. He said: "We have no means of enforcing this but religious lews would tend to respect it. It is a very unusual step to take. It will go on until he

purges his contempt."

Last year, Jewish women chained themselves to the offices of the Chief Rabbi as a protest against being trapped in marriages that the civil divorce courts have already declared are over.

Dr Julian Shindler, director of marriage authorisation in the Chief Rabbi's office, said: The Chief Rabbi feels very strongly there are certain situations we cannot do very. much about. At the very least we can show, at the communal level, our support for a woman who may be trapped in this

Mr David was unavailable

### **Business** backing for Blair vision

THE Confederation of British Industry and two of Britain's their backing to Labour's idea of a "stakeholder" economy. Adair Turner, CBI directorgeneral, said yesterday it was

vital to ensure that a return to

rising real incomes did not lead to a pay-price spiral. Rewards had to be linked to productivity and performance. "It may sound like a statement of the blindingly obvious or some kind of mythical Utopia. But we must develop a framework giving employees opportunities, prospects and

participation in the economy's

success; dare I say, a stakeholding," Mr Turner said. Sir Michael Perry, chairman of Unilever, says the group has developed the practice of giving employees having a stake in their companies over many years. In an article in The Times today. Sir Michael says he has no intention of "wandering far into the preelection minefield of controversial social idea" but he points out that "stakeholding"

had a well-defined meaning in

business theory. Martin Taylor, chief executive of Barclays plc. welcomed Mr Blair's recognition of the importance of shareholding. Mr Taylor emphasised that a large proportion of the bank's employees already had a stake in the company. "I think the interesting thing about what Blair is saying is that he is accepting the enormous importance of shareholders."

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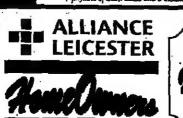
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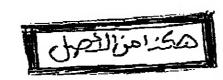
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### Tip-off foiled £30,000 demand

# Ex-officer jailed for seeking bribe to 'nobble' jury

A FORMER police sergeant with an exemplary career years yesterday for seeking a £30,000 bribe to help to nobble an Old Bailey jury.

John Young, 45, was found

guilty of attempting to pervert the course of justice after obtaining the home addresses of jurors in an attempt to influence the outcome of an armed robbery trial. He had denied the charge. Young, who was twice shot on duty and awarded the Queen's Gallantry medal while serving with the Metropolitan Police, showed no emotion as Judge Butler told him: "Conduct of this kind strikes at the very root of our criminal

Alan Rawley, QC, defending Young at Southwark Crown Court, said: "This is a ghastly and inglorious end to what had been certainly a distinguished and brave career and it is a matter of appulling record to see a man brought down like this."

Joanna Korner, QC, for the prosecution, said that Young. who had left the force two years ago to become a private detective, had spotted the potential to make money while helping to protect jurors trying a kidnapping, robbery and firearms case last year. He was part of a team of police and private security officers giving 24-hour protection during the II-week hearing. The case cost taxpayers an estimat-



Young made bribery offer to robber's sister

four members of a gang nicknamed "The Profession-als", including Wayne Black, 27, who escaped from a prison van during the trial in June last year. He was jailed for 20 years after his recapture. His three co-defendants were jailed for between 12 and 18

The trial concerned a £200,000 jewellery raid and the planned robbery of a computer shop. The gang intended to strap a homemade bomb around the body of a shop manager but were arrested as they tried to kidnap her at her home. Ms Korner said: "Regretta-

bly the ljury protection arrangements had the very opposite effect, because it enabled a corrupt police officer to obtain names and addresses of jurors and pass them on

She said that Young, of New Barn, Kent, approached the sister of one of the defendants, James Lawson, and offered to supply information for payment amounting to E30,000. He told Amanda Lawson that he could secure favourable

He told her how the jury system worked and gave her the address of one of the jurors. Miss Lawson told her ster-in-law and her brother's solicitor what had happened

before telling the police.

An officer calling himself Billy pretended to be a member of the Lawson family and spoke to Young on the telephone. A meeting between the two, at which a £25,000 payment was agreed, was secretly videotaped by other police

A further meeting was arranged the next day outside a pub in Woolwich, southeast London, run by Young's codefendant, Peter Ferrigno, 52. Young introduced Ferrigno, who handed over a sealed envelope containing the addresses of four more jurors. Ferrigno was cleared after telling the court that, although he believed something suspi-cious was going on, he did not know what was in the

Mr Rawley said that Young had been commended three times during the 1970s and was awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal in 1974 after he continued to chase a gunman who had shot him in the leg.



Alfred Forte in Forte's of Berwick-upon-Tweed: a far cry from his second cousin's takeover battle with Granada

# Café is northern outpost of family business that stays forever Forte

By Paul WILKINSON

THERE is one part of the Forte family empire that Granada failed to acquire in this week's £3.8 billion takeover. It is a small ice cream parlour and cafe tucked away in England's most northerly town.

Forte's, of Berwick-upon-Tweed in Northumberland, is owned by Sir Rocco's second cousin Albert, who yesterday said his 56-seat emporium was definitely not for sale. "I certainly don't think Granada have any plans to take us over, and with my son Remo running the business, the name is set to go on for quite a while." His chips-and-ice-cream es-

sell comets to tourists.

his wife Heather in a flat the catering and hotel chain above the café, still relies on the other branch of his family the summer visitors to swell built up over 60 years. He said: "Sometimes people his earnings. "I have never had any aspirations to he a think we are part of the same group, but when they see the big businessman." he said. "t have a comfortable living and that's good enough for me. It's a small family concern shop they realise we aren't." Forte's was opened in 1921 and that's the way it will

by his father Carlo, 14 years before Sir Rocco's father Charles started his empire He watched the boardroom with a milk bar in Regent battle from a distance. "It was Street, London. Their husiinteresting and I'm sorry Sir nesses took spectacularly dif-Rocco lost. I didn't have any ferent courses. While Charles shares, I was too poor to buy and Sir Rocco went on to own any. Selling ice cream in Berwick at this time of year is grandiose hotels such as the Savoy and Le Meridien in not the easiest way of making Paris, Carlo was content to

But all the interest in the Alfred, 68, who lives with takcover has certainly got the

it's cheaper than buying advertising. Ours is such a small business compared to what Charles built up. I'd he sorry to see the Forte name go from the hotels, it helps us because people do make the connection."

The different branches of the family, which came originally from Italy, via Scotland, were once much closer. The Fortes originally came from a village called Mortale, near Casino, It is now called Mon Forte, which is an honour. but more of a reflection of Charles's activities than ours,

Shares' ride, page 21

### Jury finds Nigerian was killed unlawfully

By RICHARD FORD

A NIGERIAN asylum seeker who died after a struggle with police as he was arrested was unlawfully killed, an inquest jury decided yesterday. Evidence given at the in-quest into the death of

Oluwashijibomi Lapite is to be sent to the Crown Prosecution Service, which will reconsider whether charges can be brought against any police officer involved in the case. His widow, Olamide, the

mother of two children, aged one and three, is planning a civil action for damages against the Metropolitan Police. Mr Lapite, 34, a painter and

decorator, died from asphyxia and excaine intoxication after being put in a neck hold by police arresting him outside a club in Stoke Newington. northeast London, in Decemiber 1994. The pressure crushed Mr Lapite's voice box. The jury's verdict, after a four-day hearing, was greeted with cheers from the public gallery at St Pancras Coruner's Court. Mrs Lapite, of Homerton, cast London, said: "I heard how the officers beat and killed him and I am relieved my children are going to grow up knowing their father was unlawfully killed." Earlier Dr Stephen Chan.

the coroner, urged police forces in England and Wales to han using neck holds to

restrain suspects.
PC Paul Wright had told the inquest that he and his colleague, PC Andrew McCallum, had feared for their lives as they struggled with Mr Lapite. However, the jury was told that Mr Lapite had 35 to 45 injuries on his body while the policemen were almost

### Waiter's father and imam accused over 'bride' of 13

yesterday with aiding him in the statutory rape of a 13-yearold British girl.

The imam who "married" Sarah Cooke and Musa Komeagac, 18. was also charged, with performing an

illegal marriage. The girl, who became besotted with the Turkish teenager on a family holiday, may be staying in his isolated village for another month following the adjournment of the court case against him last night. A judge told Komeagac that he must remain in jail until a special hearing on February 15. Miss Cooke and her mother, from Braintree, Essex, had been due to give evidence.

On Wednesday, after an application to the High Court by Essex Social Services, Miss Cooke was made a ward of court and ordered back to Britain "forthwith". Mrs Jackie Cooke, 37, flew to Turkey that day and publicly pleaded

with her to return. Yesterday the girl appeared writing a letter to her "husband" begging him to forget her because she was "being forced back to Britain". Later. according to Selim Sumen. Komeagac's lawyer, she had

THE father of an unemployed no intention of leaving. The want to go back to England. She loves Musa very much."

"I am arranging for them to meet in the prison over the next couple of days. She is looking forward to seeing him. He is very upset because he is away from her, but he is being well treated in prison. Everyone knows the story now. He has a lot of sympathy. The adjournment will give everyone a chance to study the implications. Sarah and her mother can have time to talk about her future. Sarah must make up her own mind. All anyone wants is what is best."

The girl and her mother spent part of the day at the basement flat occupied by the Komeagac family in the town of Kahranmanmaras, close to Turkey's south eastern border with Syria. After meeting Mr Sumen they were invited to the office of Ali Sezal, the mayor. He said: "I am proud that a British girl has chosen to live in our province and adopt our Islamic way of life. I will do everything I can to help them." He said he looked forward to performing a civil marriage ceremony with the couple, and he offered to provide them with a flat in which to start

# from tree protests

A FORMER sapper took a when he sat in the branches of a neighbour's beech tree in an attempt to prevent it being

The incident began shortly before tree surgeons arrived in Hales. Norfolk, to cut down most of the 140-year-old tree. Philip Thirtle, 77, who served in Burma, used a ladder to reach the lower branches. His protest seemed to have ended when he climbed down for a tea break and two constables removed his ladder.

tree was there long before the neighbours built their bungalow four years ago," he said.
"As far as I am concerned it is healthy with many years of

again and Mr Thirde gave up his perch when he was threatened with arrest for breach of

Alan Wones, 25, Mr Thirtle's neighbour, said: "We got advice that the tree is dangerous and had to come down. We do not want it falling down on our bungalow or conservatory."

# Old soldier takes leaf

BY ADRIAN LEE

# anti-road protesters yesterday

However, Mr Thirtle waited until the officers had left and resumed his protest 10ft above the ground. "The

Norfolk police were called

# Student died under lorry after relationship ended

By JOANNA BALE

A STUDENT suffered fatal injuries when he "dived" under the wheels of a dustcart four days after his girlfriend ended their relationship, an inquest heard yesterday. Ian Hyde received head in-

furies when he was hit by the lorry outside Christ Church, Oxford, and was dragged 40 yards along the road. Eleanor Blair saw him lying crushed beneath the wheels as she was walking to a lecture. He died three hours later in hospital.

Miss Blair. 20, a mathematics undergraduate, told the inquest that Mr Hyde, 19, a chemistry student, had gone to see her on the morning of November 9, four days after the couple had split up. The relationship had begun to falter at the beginning of their second year at Hertford College. She said: "I think he realised I did not feel the same way as I used to, but he did not

really want to end it." She said that on November 5 she had told him she wanted



Eleanor Blair saw Ian Hyde dying in the street

to part and he appeared to accept that. She added: "He later began to question what had been happening. On November 9 he came to my room. I was sitting on the bed having just finished writing a letter. He asked if he could read it. I said I would rather he did not. but he insisted. He left in a fairly upset mood.~

She had expected to see him later in the day when they would be able to talk about the problem, but she next saw him as he lay dying in the road. John Clarke, the driver of

the dustcart, described how he had seen Mr Hyde. He said: "I got the impression that he was staring at me. As I drew level, I smiled at him. He took his eyes off me, looked at the vheel and aimed his head at it and dived. I felt a bump and felt him underneath as I was coming to a stop."

A post mortem examination, carried out at the John Radeliffe Hospital, disclosed that Mr Hyde, of Bewdley. Hereford and Worcester, whose father had died in a road accident in 1994, had suffered multiple injuries and had died from head injuries. Mr Hyde's tutor. Dr Christopher Schofield, said he had been a good student with "no significant problems".

Recording an open verdict. Nicholas Gardiner, an Ox-fordshire coroner, said Mr Hyde could have tripped and fallen into the path of the lorry: "It appears to me he was in a distraught state of mind. In this case I do not feel it would be proper to record a verdict that he took his own life."





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### Genetic crops 'put country at risk'

BY NICK NUTTALL

STRICT controls to protect the countryside from genetically engineered crops were arged yesterday by a government adviser. Experts fear that crops bred to have novel properties, such as a long shelf-life, may cross-breed with wild plants with highly damaging effects.

Sir Crispin Tickell, chairman of the Panel on Sustainable Development and a former Ambassador to the United Nations, said: "We are playing not just with fire but with dynamite when you get into the biotechnology."

Speaking yesterday at the launch of the panel's second report, he said that there were many examples of scientific developments which had produced unforeseen environmental or health damage, includ-ing asbestos and CFCs.

The panel, set up by John Major after the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, said principles on the release of gene-altered organisms should be drawn up with repre-sentatives from industry, science and medicine, charities and environmenMPs prepare to extend wildlife protection

# Farmers call for right to cull badgers in TB areas

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

FARMERS say they are being plagued by a rise in the badger population brought about by over-zealous concern for the animal's welfare. As MPs debate new legislation today that will extend the protection given to wild animals, farmers are calling for the right to resume the culling of badgers on their property.

that supplied the gentle and fatherly companion of Ratty and Mole in Kenneth Gra-hame's Wind in the Willows was among the most persecut-ed of Britain's wild animals. Thousands were killed to make shaving brushes. Now Old Brock is one of the

most rigorously protected of animals. After being persecutlandowners and gamekeepers in the 19th century, the badger population recovered steadily after the First World War as gamekeeping declined, but the animals were still seen to be under threat from culling by farmers and by the barbarous

sport" of badger digging. The 1973 Badgers Act, prohibiting the killing or injuring of the animals, was designed to stop the persecution but was felt to be ineffective because it did not protect badgers' setts. strengthened version of the Act in 1991. The National Farmers' Union says badger high, particularly in the uth West, and blames the animals for spreading disease to cattle, destroying crops and undermining pasture land. A recent editorial in Country Life suggested the law should be relaxed to allow measures to be taken to reduce populations in areas where the badger has

The main complaint of farmers is that the animals are spreading TB to cattle. About third of the estimated 250,000 badgers in Britain live in the South West, which also has the highest incidence of TB in both cattle and badgers. Hugh Oliver-Beliasis, a Hampshire farmer who chairs an NFU working party monitoring the badger prob-lem, said: "We are convinced that badgers are implicated in

the spread of TB, which costs

farmers about £4 million a

little sympathy for the farmers' case. Stephen Harris, professor of environmental sciences at Bristol University and a leading authority on badgers, said: There is as yet no evidence of a sharp rise in badger numbers. We are carrying out a new census, but



Meale: condemned

even if this reveals an increase it may only show how badly persecuted they were before. evidence that culling badger would reduce TB in cattle."

The farmers' call comes as

MPs appear likely to give overwhelming support today to a private member's Bill that would put wild animals on the same legal footing as pers and other domesticated or captive creatures. The Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill, which receives its second reading today, provides that any-one who mutilates, kicks, beats, nails or otherwise impales, stabs, burns, stones,

unnecessary suffering shall be guilty of an offence punishable by up to six months in

Alan Meale, the Labour MP who is sponsoring the Bill, said: "Nobody can believe it is right that people who commit the horrendous acts regularly witnessed by RSPCA inspec-tors, such as hedgehogs being kicked to death, hares impaled on spikes or foxes decapitated for fun, should

An earlier version of the Bill last year was killed in the House of Lords by supporters many objections that it ran out of parliamentary time. How-ever, the latest Bill is being backed by the British Field

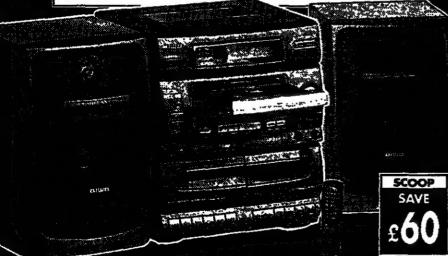
A list of exemptions makes clear that fox-hunting, deerhunting, hare-coursing and falconry will still be lawful and that farmers will be allowed to continue shooting and trapping foxes, rabbits and other animals recognised as pests, Robin Hanbury-Tenison, chief executive of the society, said the Bill was a great step forward. "The society has always been prepared to support sensible animal welfare measures."



badgers persecuted almost to extinction by landowners and gamekeepers

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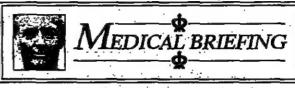
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# Familiar voices offer no comfort



PERHAPS anyone who heard a warning from their father that a man behind them in the street was about to stab them might be expected to take

The first patient I treated with auditory hallucinations, when I was a casualty officer, decided he must strike first and badly beat a man innocently walking down a west London street.

The assailant, who suffered from schizophrenia, regularly heard his father offering warnings and advice and commenting on his behaviour. The assault was thus not the fault of the patient, other than that he was not taking his prescribed treatment. Since the large psychiatric

hospitals were closed, and more patients released into the community, schizophrenia in general, and hallucinations in particular, are more frequently offered as a defence in court. This development throws the belief that all schizophrenics are dangerous, whereas the majority are frightened, timid people hiding in society's shadows. It also encourages a belief that all who have delusions are schizophrenic,

whereas they can be a symp-

tom of many psychiatric con-

fect any of the senses: audi-tory; oliactory, the smelling of strange smells; visual, the seeing of objects that are not there; or gustatory, the tasting of something when nothing is being eaten. Extremely depressed or

ditions. Hallucination can af-

lucinations. Voices may condemn them for their sins and promise damnation. Hallucinations can also be a symptom of alcholism, brain damage, some forms of epilepsy or a side-effect of many drugs.

A case has been reported recently in the British Journal of Clinical Practice in which a woman who had a meningioma, a benign intracranial turnour affecting the right side of her brain, suffered visual, tactile and auditory hallucinations. Most she coped with, but the sound of church bells angered her. They became louder as the turnour grew.

She explained to her doctors that the irritation was not only because of the noise but because of the tune she heard. It was a well-known carol, and she, as an atheist, found its constant repetition offensive.

> DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

### Blue suppers offend fans of bawdy bard

BY ALAN HAMILTON

BAD language and jokes worthy only of a rugby club dinner are lowering the tone of the immortal Memory. uardians of the heritage of

Robert Burns said yesterday.

Speaking on the 237th anniversary of the poet's birth, and in the bicentenary year of his death, officials of the Burns Federation, which represents more than 4,000 clubs from Falkirk to Fiji. voiced concern that the Burns Supper, by tradition an encomium to the genius of Scotland's greatest son, was degenerating into an excuse for vulgarity and drunkenness.

Peter Westwood, honorary president of the Ayrshirebased federation and editor of its journal, the Burns Chronicle, said there had been an unfortunate tendency towards smut recently, particularly in the Toast to the Lasses, conducted after the spearing of

"Dirty jokes about women are becoming too much of a feature of these events. We would accept it at an all-male supper but it seems to be on the increase in front of mixed audiences. Burns Suppers exist to honour the memory of a great man; they are not the occasion for distasteful jokes which can only cheapen the



Burns: fornicated to Olympic standard

occasion," Mr Westwood said. Two weeks ago, at a Scottish literature seminar in Glasgow, Murdo Morrison, the federation's president, appealed for Burns Suppers to be cleaned up and for speakers to concentrate on serious

issues of the poet's work. The man bimself wrote some of the bawdiest poetry ever to kiss the printed page, and drank and fornicated to Olympic standard during his brief life. The keepers of his memory nevertheless feel that his appetite for women which he called houghmagandie — should not ob-scure higher instincts for lyric poetry and the rights of man.

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Promoters bank on Millennium Fund for cash to create Cornish equivalent of 'The Lost World'

# Hothouse plan will transform clay pit into modern Eden

A CORNISH valley is to be turned into a world of rainforests, tropical gardens and desert in an ambitious plan involving four giant hot-houses, each with its own climate. The 65m high biospheres will run along a kilometre of old clay workings at Bodelva, near St Austell,

Project was unveiled last night at the Royal Institute of British Architects in London. The promoters, who will be bidding for money from the Millennium Fund, describe the project as Britain's equivalent to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World and hope it will be a huge draw for both tourists and hort-

The clay workings at Bodelya are nearly worked out and are invisible from the surrounding countryside. They are deep enough for the planned hothouses not to rise above the rim of the crater.

The Eden Project is the brainchild of Jonathan Ball and Tim Smit, pioneers of an ambitious garden restoration at Heligan, near Mevagissey, which last year attracted 200,000 visitors and was voted garden of the year. Mr Smit said: "These will be the largest hothouses on Earth. You could fit Truro Cathedral in 14

million voices

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The snaking structure, looking from above like a python digesting four large meals, has been designed by the architect Nicholas Grimshaw and the engineer Anthony Hunt, who were together responsible for the award-winning Eurostar terminus at Vaterloo station.

Mr Hunt said: This is every engineer's dream. It's a span of 120 metres. That's three times Waterloo and half again as broad as St Pancras.



65 metres, high enough for rainforest trees to grow to their full 50 metres and leave 15 metres clearance.

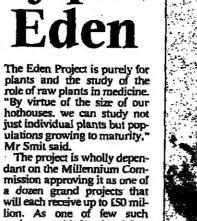
"We will span the gorges with a series of lightweight, bow-string steel trusses, but instead of glass we will use transparent foil, creating a series of inflated pillows."

Each "biode" will contain a complete habitat rather than a simple collection of plant species. The four main climatic zones will be Mediterranean. desert, tropical and sub-

Nicholas Cole, the landscape architect, said: "The clay pit has granite outcrops, sheer diff faces, crevices, ledges and scree, giving the impression of also remarkably clean and not visitors embark on the journey through the biodes, the whole site will never be in view and there will be a constant sense of surprise.

The topography of the site is considered ideal for multilevel planting, ensuring the whole pit can be green from the start. "We also hope to import large palms and exotic specimens outgrowing hothouses in places such as Kew, Mr Cole said.

The project differs sharply from Biosphere 2 in Arizona, a attempt to create a sustainable environment as a prototype The maximum height will be for establishing life in space

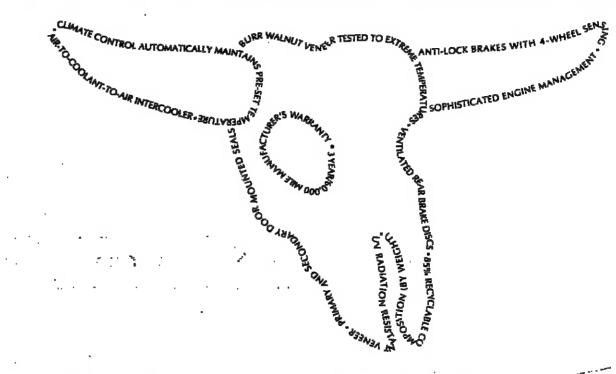


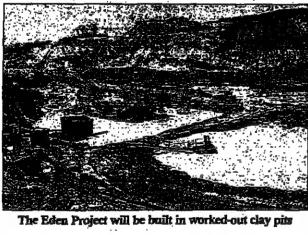
for 25 per cent of the costs. If the bid is successful, the promoters will open the project in 2000. Mr Hunt said: The crystal palace itself will take about 18 months to build, not quite as fast as the original, but fast enough."



Nicholas Grimshaw, the architect, with a model of the project, which will stand 65m high, span up to 120m and cover a kilometre in length

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### Scientists call for ban on diseased alders

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

ing for a ban on the planting of alder saplings to halt the spread of a disease that is killing thousands of the trees.

The alder helps to stabilise river banks, and Forestry Commission researchers fear that if the disease spreads further banks could collapse and large areas be at greater risk of flooding. A halt to planting would allow scientists to identify foreign species that might be immune to the

FORESTRY scientists are call- 1993 in Kent. Dying alders were discovered in several sites, with small sparse leaves and black tar-like marks on the bark. Recent surveys show the infection has spread across southern England, the Midlands, Wales, Northern Ireland and into Yorkshire. In some areas, such as around shire, up to half the alders are diseased. The far morth of and Scotland. England. appear to be free from infection, but there are concerns

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Teachers misjudge pupils' ability

# Girls outshine boys at all three levels in maths and English

REPORTS BY DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

discrepancies and said exter-

nal marking of the tests could explain some of the variations.

Gillian Shephard, the Edu-

cation Secretary, said the first

II-year-old test results were

still too problematic to be

published in league tables of

schools, as happens for

GCSEs and A levels. How-

ever, parents could create their

own tables by going to local education authorities to get

information about schools in

their area."I would encourage

authorities to make this infor-

mation as widely available as

Ministers had assured

teachers that yesterday's re-

sults would not be used to

compile tables, but there has

been a concerted campaign

among Conservatives to use

the tests to extend the informa-

tion revolution to primary

Mrs Shephard said that

parents would receive their

children's results and those of

their school. She was waiting

until the tests had "bedded down" before embarking on

national league tables, and

she would not commit herself

to publication next year. Crit-

ics have accused her of delay-

ing to avoid a confrontation

insisted the explanation lay in

Mrs Shephard said an im-

provement in results for seven

and 14-year-olds showed how

tests raised standards. The

tests for II-year-olds were

being taken for the first time.

and the children had suffered the effects of a previously over-

loaded curriculum, which had now been revised, she said.

"If you have had a problem

at one age range in applying

the old curriculum, you are

bound to have an impact on

what is being done in our

schools and on results. That

has been put right," she said.

Measures included a project

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for 20 centres to improve

literacy and numeracy

logistical problems.

they can," she said.

GIRLS outshone boys in English and mathematics in tests at seven. II and 14, the first full set of results disclosed yesterday. Boys did slightly better in science but they showed worryingly low levels of achievement in English and mathematics from the age of seven onwards.

A marginal improvement was recorded over 1994 by seven-year-old boys in English, but mathematics grades deteriorated by 3 per cent. Boys fared worse in reading. spelling and handwriting three of the four English disciplines.

Results from the first compulsory testing of 11-year-olds showed that only 43 per cent reached the standard expected of them in English, compared with 70.5 per cent for sevenyears-olds. For 14-year-olds the figure rose just two points to 45 per cent.

A similar analysis of mathematics results shows 77 per cent of seven-year-old boys reaching the target for their age (national curriculum level two or above), compared with 44 per cent aged 11 and 57 per cent at 14.

Girls did considerably better at English at all ages, but down on 1994 in every section of the tests. In English and mathematics at seven, girls did marginally worse, with 78 per cent and 81 per cent



McAvoy: criticised

respectively getting average marks or above, compared to 80 and 84 per cent last time. The figures published yesterday also include teachers own assessment of pupils' progress alongside test re-Teachers generally judged their pupils to be performing better than the results suggested, apart from in science. In English and maths, teachers judged that more than half of 11-year-olds matched Government expectations (56 and 54 per cent respectively). This was significantly higher than test results

showed (48 and 44 per cent). Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, highlighted the tested areas, with 66 per cent matching or exceeding expectations for their age com-

**TESTS AT SEVEN** 

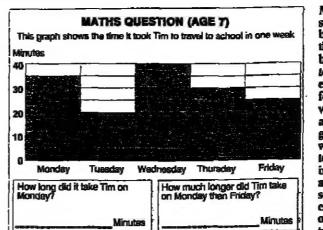
English: spelling continued

to be the weakest of the four

pared with 78 per cent for reading. 80 per cent for writing and 78 per cent for handwriting. Girls performed better in all areas. most notably in spelling. where 40 per cent of boys were already a year or more behind compared with 29 per cent of girls. Four out of ten girls were said to be reading at level three, the standard of an average nineyear-old.

Science: there were no tests in science but performance was assessed by teachers, who said 84 per cent of children reached or beat the targets set the

group. There were only small differences between the abilities of boys and girls, with 14 per cent of female pupils reaching the average level of a nine-year-old against 15 per cent of the boys. The teachers assessed the sevenyear-olds on their knowledge of materials and their properties as well as on physical processes such as heating and freezing.



Mathematics: one in five seven-year-olds was shown by the tests to be as able as the average nine-year-old. but a similar number failed to reach the standard expected for their age. Boys formed the majority of the very bright and of the least able. Sixty-three per cent of girls and 56 per cent of boys were graded average. The tests concentrated on adding subtracting multiplying and dividing. Teacher as-sessment showed that 24 per cent of boys and 20 per cent of girls were below the target for algebra.

### TESTS AT ELEVEN

English: half of the children who took English tests were below the standard expected of their age. Girls outshone the boys, with 56 per cent at or above the average compared with 42 per cent of boys. Pupils were tested on reading, writing, spelling and handwriting. Seven per cent were as good as the typical 14-year-old, but 8 per cent were four years behind the expected average. In teacher assessment, girls again excelled with 63 per cent judged at or above the average level, against 50 per cent of boys.

Science: results in science were by far the best of the three subjects, with seven out of ten children scoring average marks or above. Boys outperformed girls slightly and, overall, 22 per cent of pupils were judged to be at the standard of a 14-year-old. This year, however, the questions will be harder. The tests covered life and living processes, materials and their properties and physical processes. Teachers assessed generally than the test results, saying 36 per cent were below average expectations.

MATHS QUESTION (AGE 11) Some children work out how much money two shopkeepers get from selling fruit. They use pie charts to show this. Mr Adams Mrs Birme Mrs Binns gets £350 selling bananas Estimate how much she

Mathematics just 44 per cent of Il-year-olds achieved the standard expected of them in the tests, with 8 per cent four years or more behind. The tests covered numbers, algebra, shape and space and handling data. Extra time will be allowed for mathematics tests this year after complaints from teachers. In teacher assessment, 54 per cent of all children were said to be at or above the average standard of achievement for the age, with girls performing slightly better

### TESTS AT FOURTEEN

English: fifty-five per cent of 14-year-olds scored at least average marks. However, 23 per cent were three years behind, 10 per cent five years behind and 4 per cent at least seven years behind the expected standard for their age group. Several hundred schools were unhappy with the grades awarded and demanded re-marking. which resulted in 4 per cent of pupils having their scores improved. Sixty-four per cent of girls were at or above the expected typical standard compared with 45 per cent of boys.

Science: boys did slightly better than girls in the science tests, with 57 per cent of boys judged at least average for their age compared with 54 per cent of girls. In all, 56 per cent were at the typical level of achievement, down from 64 per cent last year. Seven science, but 36 per cent were no better than the typical 11year-old and 12 per cent of those were at or below a ninevear-old's performance. Pupils were tested on life and living processes, materials and their properties and

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MATHS QUESTION (AGE 14)

Mathematics: one in ten 14year-olds surpassed expect-ed levels of achievement. Average grades were achieved by 57 per cent, with girls' marks slightly better than those for boys. More than a third were at the level of an average 11-year-old, and 14 per cent were able to match only a typical nineyear-old. Teachers assessed pupils' work at a slightly higher level overall, saying 61 per cent of 14-year-olds were at the average level or above. In the previous year's tests, 60 per cent were

preduce

### THE QUESTIONS

A BENCHMARK for future generations was set by the two million pupils who sat tests for 7, 11 and 14year-olds last summer.

In the English tests at seven. children read aloud a passage to their teacher. All children were asked to write a story using their best handwriting, and words in the spelling test included bus, hot, bath, himself, pancake, missing and fight-ing. In maths at seven, children were

set worksheets to test basic arithmetic. each lasting 40 minutes. At II, pupils sat two 35-minute maths tests with all questions in the form of problems to be solved, often relating to practical experiences familiar to pupils. Some questions

did not allow use of a calculator. In science at 11 there were two 35minute tests. One question asked which of a range of materials would melt, burn or stay the same if heated.

Both maths and science had 30minute optional extension papers for higher-ability children. English tests for II-year-olds in-

cluded a comprehension test, with multiple-choice answers and longer answers requiring pupils to express feelings of characters. In the writing test they were judged on their purpose and organisation, grammar and style and a spelling test, including words such as gingerly

and Illuminated. Mathematics and science tests for 14-year-olds both consisted of two one-hour papers, with extension papers for high-ability pupils. In English, 14year-olds sat a 90-minute comprehension based on a letter from the Red Cross appealing for money and a story about someone being evacuated from their home as a refugee. The second English paper was a 75-minute test on Shakespeare.

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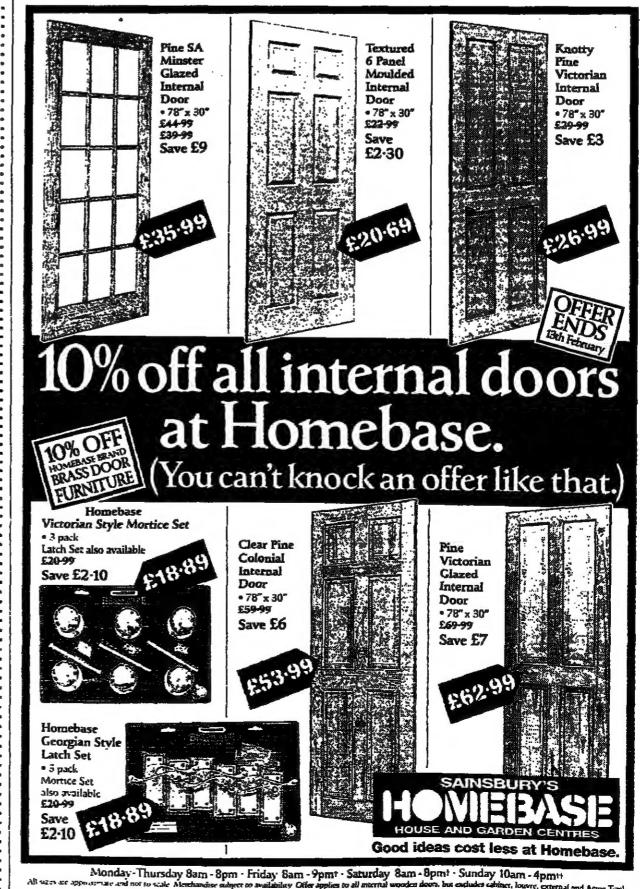
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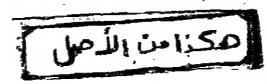
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# Results expose junior schools as weak link

ll confirm many of the anxieties long expressed by inspectors about standards in junior schools. No wonder that teachers have resisted national testing and continue to argue against the compilation of league tables.

Gillian Shephard was careful to emphasize yesterday that this was the first was for

that this was the first year for the tests and that children had been studying under the old, overcrowded national curriculum. But there is no hiding the poverty of the results. Less than half of 11-year-olds reached expected levels in English and mathematics.

The results are bad news for the Government, not least because they turn the spotlight away from Labour's troubles and back on to the condition of state schools condition of state schools. Seven years after the national curriculum was introduced to raise standards, the inescapable message is that junior schools in particular still dis-

play worrying weaknesses.

Ofsted, the school inspection agency, found the quality of teaching to be unsatisfac-



Gillian Shephard may take credit for persuading schools to participate in curriculum tests, but she cannot hide from the poverty of the results, John O'Leary writes

tory in 30 per cent of junior school lessons last year. One school in ten was not making satisfactory progress in reading and a quarter were in the same position for writing.

The 7-11 age group has been the weak link of the national curriculum. Thesebare, have

curriculum. Teachers have had difficulty mastering the full range of ten subjects and, until last year's review by Sir Ron Dearing, were expected to cover an unrealistic amount of ground. But the deficiencies exposed in yesterdays results are not in obscure areas of the curriculum: they relate to English and mathematics, the building blocks of other learning.

other learning.
Mrs Shephard's proposed network of remedial centres to improve the teaching of basic

literacy and numeracy look more necessary than ever. But the results at seven suggest a secure grounding that fails to ensure lift-off. Another interpretation is that teachers of younger children have become adept at teaching to the tests in a way that junior

schools have yet to grasp.

owever, the results of the 11-year-olds will increase pressure for a rethink of teaching methods in the later years of primary education. Even Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, conceded yesterday that some of his members might have to think

Another overdue development may be to introduce more specialist teaching in junior schools, where the limi-tations of one teacher for all subjects are now fully exposed. The so-called Three Wise Men, who reported on primary schools to Kenneth Clarke in his time as Education Secretary, recommended

just such a change, but little progress has been made. The tests, decried yesterday as crude and simplistic, have been misrepresented by critics in the teaching unions and at Westminster. They bear no resemblance to the II-plus and are not a Trojan horse for a Government bent on reintroducing selection. Not only are the national curriculum tests taken far too late in the school year to be used to sciect pupils, but they set out to test different things the Il-plus is largely an IQ test, whereas the government tests measure progress through the

Mrs Shephard was able to glory in the fact that, at all emerged. She was less con-



Deficiencies exposed by the tests were not in obscure areas of the curriculum: less than half of II-year-olds reached the expected levels in English and mathematics

ages, nine out of ten schools had carried out the tests and reported the results. Without her successful wooing of the teaching profession, the natture would not have

vincing on the question of when parents will be allowed to see comparisons of individual schools' performances. Local league tables, as the first objective measures on

primary schools, will be read avidly. The Government might want to avoid another stand-off before an election, but the bleak national picture will surely make parents even TOMORROW

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# **Vouchers may** force nurseries to reduce costs

BY DAVID CHARTER

LOCAL authority nursery schools might be damaged by the voucher scheme, the Audit Commission suggested in a

report yesterday.
Not a single place at present provided in a free-standing nursery school, as opposed to those which are already part of primary schools, costs less than £1,100, the value of the vouchers being sent to parents in the four areas in a pilot scheme from Easter.

The commission looked at 11 of the country's 550 nursery schools. Its analysis of local authority provision showed that whereas half-day nursery classes in primary schools generally cost between £700 and £LJ00, half-day nursery school places cost anything between £1,300 and £2,500.

If the findings were repeated across the country, they would suggest that costs would have to be cut at nursery schools under the voucher scheme, even if they attract parents. Local authorities now spend £1.4 billion on nursery or reception places for children aged three and four and the Government is to cut their funding by £565 million to pay

for the voucher scheme. The Government has said the scheme will encourage more local authority, private and voluntary provision of nursery places for four-year-

olds. But some areas have a way to go; there are places for just 26 per cent of four-year-olds in Hereford and Worcester, 27 per cent in Oxfordshire and 28 per cent in Essex.

The report says it is possible that parents who do not want to take up their child's nursery voucher place will try and sell the voucher. The scheme will distribute vouchers worth £750 million to parents to use at 40,000 mirsery or play-group classes. "The scheme will need powerful procedures to prevent fraud. There could be potential for a black mar-

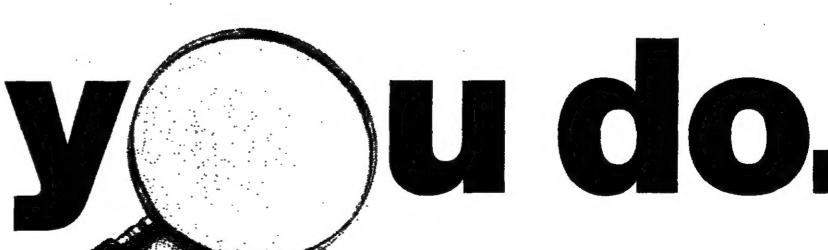
ket," Counting to Five says.

The commission estimates the cost of setting up a part-time nursery class as £50,000. It says: "The high costs of particular nursery schools, particularly relative to nursery and reception classes, mean that the case for investing in new ones will seldom be compelling."

The report also says there is "considerable unmet demand" for nursery education, with up to 46 per cent of parents not receiving the type of service they want. It does not speculate on whether vouchers will

help satisfy these demands. The report says the main challenge for local authorities. once vouchers are issued nationally in Easter next year, is to maintain co-operation with other providers.

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MAJOR AND BLAIR: THE PUBLIC'S VIEW

# Voters show loss of faith in Labour's readiness

FEWER people believe that stands at minus II points. This Labour is ready to form the next government than a year ago and the party is making only slow progress in winning approval for its policies, according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times*.

The poll confirms how cen-

tral Tony Blair is to Labour's big lead in the polls and to the party's appeal to the middle classes. John Major has increased his personal popularity over the past year, but the public remains hostile to Tory

Tory support is 29 per cent. up one point since early December and at the highest level for two years. Labour and the Liberal Democrats are unchanged over the month on 55 and 13 per cent respectively. The economic optimism index. measuring those who believe the general economic condition of the country will improve rather than get worse over the next 12 months, now

compares with minus 16 points last month and is the most favourable level since

A quarter of those ques-tioned think the general election should be held immediately and a further third want an election during the course of this year. Just over a quarter of the public, but three fifths of Tory supporters, think that the election should be next year.

The poll, undertaken last weekend, shows that a clear najority believes that Labour ready for Government and Mr Blair is ready to become the next Prime Minister, but the margins are smaller than when the question was last asked at the end of 1994. The biggest declines on both questions over the period have occurred among women, those aged over 55, skilled workers, and those living in

the North. In a week when the possibil-

crat partnership has been raised by Paddy Ashdown, the poll shows that a narrow majority of Liberal Democrats believe that Labour and Mr Blair are ready for government. Indeed, unlike the supporters of other parties, there has been an increase in the number of Liberal Democrats who believe that Mr Blair is ready to be Prime

ity of a Labour-Liberal Demo-

In December 1994, when Labour's poll ratings touched a record of per cent, the proportion agreeing that Labour is ready to form the next Government was 66 per cent. It has now dropped to 56 per cent. The number disagreeing has risen from 25 to 33 per cent over the same period.

Similarly, the proportion agreeing that Mr Blair is ready to be the next Prime Minister has declined from 59 to 54 per cent over the 13 months, while the number

to 34 per cent.

The poll underlines Mr Blair's personal appeal. Since September 1994, the number liking him has risen from 49 to 53 per cent. His appeal is as strong to the middle classes as to the working classes. He is liked slightly more by those who have switched to Labour since the last election than by party suporters generally. The number disliking him has also risen, from 24 to 29 per cent as the number with no opinion has declined.

The proportion of voters who like Labour's policies has increased slightly since Sep-tember 1994, by six points to 47 per cent, but there has also been a small rise in the number disliking Mr Blair's policies, from 32 to 35 per cent. Overall, a third like Mr Blair and like his policies, while just under a fifth like him but dislike his policies.

By contrast, while Mr Ma-

Labour is ready to form

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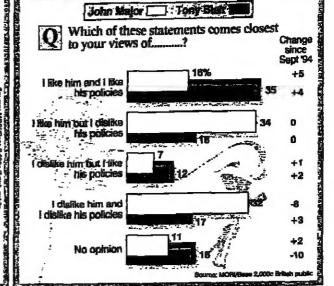
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jor is liked personally by half the public. Tory policies are disliked by two thirds. For example, the proportion liking Mr Major and his policies is half that for Mr Blair and his policies, while the number liking Mr Major but disliking his policies is double the level Mr Blair and his policies, There has been an improvement since September 1994 in tiking for Mr Major and for his policies, though the latter

is from a very low level. The

Prime Minister is particularly liked by those aged over 65. Nearly two thirds even of those who have switched away from the Tories since the last election like him, compared with more than three quarters of Conservative loyalists.

However, despite being personally liked, the public is still dissatisfied with the way he is doing his job as Prime Minister by a two to one margin. This has remained fairly level since last autumn. Three quar-



ters of the public also remain dissatisfied with the way the Government is running the country, with only one in seven satisfied.

Mr Blair's personal rating remains positive, with nearly a half satisfied and just over a quarter dissatisfied. More than two thirds of Labour supporters are satisfied with

one in eight dissatisfied.

Mr Ashdown enjoys a positive rating among the public as a whole and particularly

among Liberal Democrats.

☐ MORI interviewed a repre sentative quota sample of 1.770 adults at 135 ward sampling points across Britain\_Interviews were conducted face-to-face from January 19 to 22. Data were weighted to match the profile of the popu-lation. Voting intention fig-ures exclude those who say they would not vote (10 per cent), are undecided (7 per cent) or refuse to name a party

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# Tories' meagre recovery worth only half a cheer

The voting intention figures don't matter yet. What matters is whether we are getting our message across." So said a senior Shadow Cabinet member after the latest MORI poll for The Times. He is partly right. As revealing are the pointers to underlying atti-tudes shown by replies to other questions.

The slight recovery in the Tories' rating should therefore be greeted with only a half a cheer in Conservative Central Office. The improvement in the economic optimism index may be a fore-runner of a revival in the elusive "feel-good" factor. But the change is small so far and there has no been no sign of any reduction in the high level of public dissatisfaction with

the Government. John Major is liked by the public, even by those who dislike his policies and are dissatisfied with his perfor-mance as Prime Minister. His rating of plus 11 points on "like less dislike" contrasts with minus 39 points on

"satisfied less dissatisfied". Despite its big overall lead, there are warning signals for Labour in the decline in the number believing Labour is ready to govern and Mr Blair is ready to be Prime Minister. particularly among the key groups of skilled workers which Labour wants to attract from the Tories.

Overall, the poll confirms the view of Robert Worcester of MORI that "the outcome of the next election will depend upon how well Mr Blair performs and how well he keeps the Labour party to-gether. Mr Blair is clearly the HIBBELL THE LOCALITY

party's big asset, enjoying switched to Labour since 1992 and among Liberal Democrats. Not only is he liked but he enjoys strong public sup-port for his performance as Labour leade

Mr Blair's favourable raiing is not, however, matched by equal enthusiasm for Labour policies. Since September 1994 there has only been a tiny rise in the number who "like less dislike" his policies. None of that surprises Lab-

our strategists whose research has revealed considerable public uncertainty about party policy. That explains the desire to project the stakeholding society as the party's "unifying theme" or Big Idea. This has gone down well, but, after the Harriet Harman row this week, party leaders recog-nise the need to flesh out policy themes.

he Tories' conclusion is that they need to hammer home the story of an improving economy and what is being dubbed the "hypocrisy" theme, the conleaders say and do.

The most significant mess-age of the polls this year will be how these campaigns affect the public's view of, for example, the parties' degree of unity, readiness to govern and leaders' performance. These will in turn determine voting intentions on polling day.

PETER RIDDELL

# Soundbite factory starts production

By JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER TONY BLAIR continued his

drive to modernise the Labour Party yesterday with the opening of a new media centre.

The £2 million offices near Westminster will be the nerve centre of the general election campaign. Dubbed "the campaign. Dubbed "the soundbite factory", it will house a workforce of spindoctors, press officers and campaign officials.

After the last election, many Labour officials felt that the party's campaign had been too ragmented. With all the staff under one roof, the new centre will help to enable more coordinated and disciplined approach. Some Labour MPs, however, fear that the move will allow Mr Blair's aides to sideline the national party headquarters at Walworth Road, south London.

About 130 people will work at the offices in the Millbank Tower, five minutes walk from the Commons, Labour has leased two floors of the modernist block from the Legal & General insurance company. On the ground floor, a

former cinema auditorium has been turned into a modern 130-seat press conference theatre. Brimming with new technology, the offices are connected by fibre-optic cable to the nearby television offices. from where the pictures can be sent around the world. The

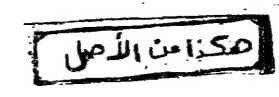
offices are also on the Internet. Excited officials spoke of "actually beaming Tony in and out of here - live!" On the first floor is the

campaigns centre where press officers, researchers adminstrators and policy staff will work. The office will also contain a massive computer database called Excalibur.

Material ranging from speeches by Tory ministers and the Shadow Cabinet to Labour policy documents will be stored on the database to help the party's "instant rebuttal unit". Officials aim to counter immediately any false accusations or misquotations made by the Tories.

Mr Blair told party workers yesterday that the centre would help to get Labour's message across. "We have never believed that the message is a substitute for substance, but it is important that they go together." he said.

### IN PARLIAMENT



# First Lady braces herself for grand jury questions

HILLARY CLINTON'S arrival at a federal court this afternoon will generate an excitement on Pennsylvania Avenue unmatched since she and her husband passed by the ornate building on their way to the White House after President Clinton's inauguration in 1993.

On that occasion, joyful Democrats thronged the pavements. Today, it will be battalions of national and international media gathered to witness the unprecedented sight of America's proud, selfrighteous First Lady arriving under subpoena to testify before a grand jury that smells

an obstruction of justice. Mrs Clinton was yesterday campaigning in New Hampshire, putting a brave face on her predicament, but her appearance will be a humiliating ordeal. Her lawvers understandably spent two days try-Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor, to retract the sub-

poena after the grand jury. issued it last Friday. On three previous occasions Mr Starr, in deference to Mrs

Clinton's position, had gone to the White House private quarters genteelly to question her and the President about Whitewater matters. This time the prosecutor, outraged by the sudden "discovery" in the White House residence of key documents he had subpoenaed two years ago, was determined to demonstrate he would not be trifled with.

Mrs Clinton has the option of slipping into the court through its secure underground car park, but aides predicted she would choose to march in through its front door with her head held high. Once inside she will take the lift to the third floor, where yet more journalists will be gathered. At that point the First Lady must leave behind her lawyers, Secret Service agents

and all other trappings of

office and enter the drab and

windowiess jury room alone. Mrs Clinton will sit in a wooden chair before 23 jurors, randomly selected citizens of Washington who are each paid \$40 (£26.50) daily. The only other people present will be a federal marshal, a stenographer and either Mr Starr or one of his team.

The jury foreman will swear Mrs Clinton in. The prosecutor and jury will then grill her about the mysterious disappearance and reappearance of the documents — records of her legal work in the mid-1980s for the corrupt Arkansas bank at the heart of the Whitewater affair. If Mrs Clinton needs to consult her lawver. David Kendall, she must leave the room.

A grand jury's job is to determine whether evidence should give rise to formal charges or "indictments". Mrs Clinton is still technically a witness, not a "target" of Mr Starr's investigation, and could be out of the court in minutes. Conversely, the hearing could last hours or even days, and Mrs Clinton risks perjury charges if she appears evasive or seeks to claim she cannot remember key events.

Her testimony must also accord with that of five other subpoenzed White House sides, including her clothing and make-up assistant, her lawyers and an usher. She has the right to invoke the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination, but that would be political suicide. Twelve of a grand jury's 23

White House will be aware that this jury is drawn from a staunchly Democratic city, but also that Mr Starr is a Reoublican who served in both the Reagan and Bush Administrations and can make recommendations to the jurors. It still seems unlikely that the First Lady will be indicted, but if she were America would enter uncharted political and constitutional territory.

jurors must vote to indict. The



Spectacular errors on the 32 cent stamps honouring former US President Richard Nixon have made an anonymous Virginia man happy. He bought 160 of the flawed stamps that aroused He bought 160 of the flawed stamps that arous little interest elsewhere - until the discovery of the error. Now each is said to be worth \$8,000 (£5,333)

# **Author brings** rail company to book in court

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

JOHN GRISHAM, the internationally acclaimed author. has triumphed on his first return to the courtroom since becoming a full-time writer by winning \$683,500 (£455,000)

Mr Grisham did not deny that he had found the experience frightening, but said it may have provided him with a plot for his next courthouse

He worked as a lawyer in Jackson. Mississippi before realising he could make miltions from his books. The author was representing the widow of a railway brakeman who was crushed to death in a train crash. She was the last client he accepted before he became a full-time writer, but her case against her late husband's employer took years to come to court. Mr Grisham, who has sold more than six million books with titles such as The Firm and A Time To Kill, had felt dutybound to continue represent-

The damages awarded to her were, he said in his

southern drawl, the "biggest verdict I've ever gotten. The size of the award also surprised local observers. "Our juries are normally very conservative," Sheriff Lynn Boyte said. "They just don't hand out

large settlements."

The author convinced the jury in the small Mississippi town of Brookhaven that Illinois Central Railroad, which operated the track, was responsible for the death of John

King four years ago. Aspects of the tale of King. his death in a lonely siding and the apparently big, had company which railroad failed to offer his widow proper compensation, could have come straight from the pages of a Grisham block-

He interrupted his writing schedule to take part in the court case, and after the verdict he conceded that the proceedings had provided him with some useful material. Everything is grist," he said. His next book, strangely, has the hint of a rail theme. Its title: Runaway Jury.

### Republicans offer to end budget deadlock

FROM TOM RHODES

IN THE first sign of a breakthrough in Washington's political gridlock, Republican leaders said they would abandon the national debt as a weapon against President Clinton if he backed modest budget and tax cuts as a "down payment" on a bal-

congressional leaders ap-peared to close the door this congressional year on plans to reduce the size of government and eliminate the deficit within seven years, was seen as a possible defeat for hardline Republican freshmen and a direct result of Mr Clinton's State of the Union performance.

White House aides met opposite numbers on Capitol Hill yesterday to discuss a possible agreement which would, in effect, keep the federal Government from its third closure today but retain the balanced budget as the key presidential election issue.

President Clinton and his Treasury Secretary. Robert Rubin, were "pleased" the deal would allow the American debt to be raised beyond its \$4.9 trillion limit, averting a possible national default.



O.J. Simpson prepares for his cable TV interview

### OJ plugs his video and attacks media in live TV interview

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

IN HIS first full-length interview since being acquitted of double murder, O.J. Simpson attacked the media for their coverage of the case and asked critics to leave him

Mr Simpson, who appeared for an hour on Black Entertainment, an American peated his denial that he killed his former wife, Nicole, and her triend, Ronald Goldman. "I did not commit those murders," he said. "I couldn't kill anyone and I was involved." He said his trial had been "gruelling" and "horrible", and that for the past 16 months he had taken sleeping pills nightly.

The live interview was watched by a large audience. Early reactions suggested that it had not answered many damage the case had done to race relations.

The former American foothall star said that the public had been "lied to" by the media. "I think the media is the main reason why America is feeling the way it's feeling," he said. Continuing media presence meant that he was no longer able to pet his dog without photographers leaning over his fence and taking pictures, which would later appear under accusations that he was "arrogantly" flaunting his freedom.

The only time Mr Simpson seemed to lose his temper was when questioned about his golf-playing habits, which have been used as an example of his carefree existence. He replied indignantly that he stations and television shows had played golf only twice criticised him for plugging his since returning to his home. When his interviewer, Ed

Gordon, asked if it might be a good idea if he moved out of Los Angeles for a while, Mr Simpson replied angrily that he had lived there longer than many other residents.

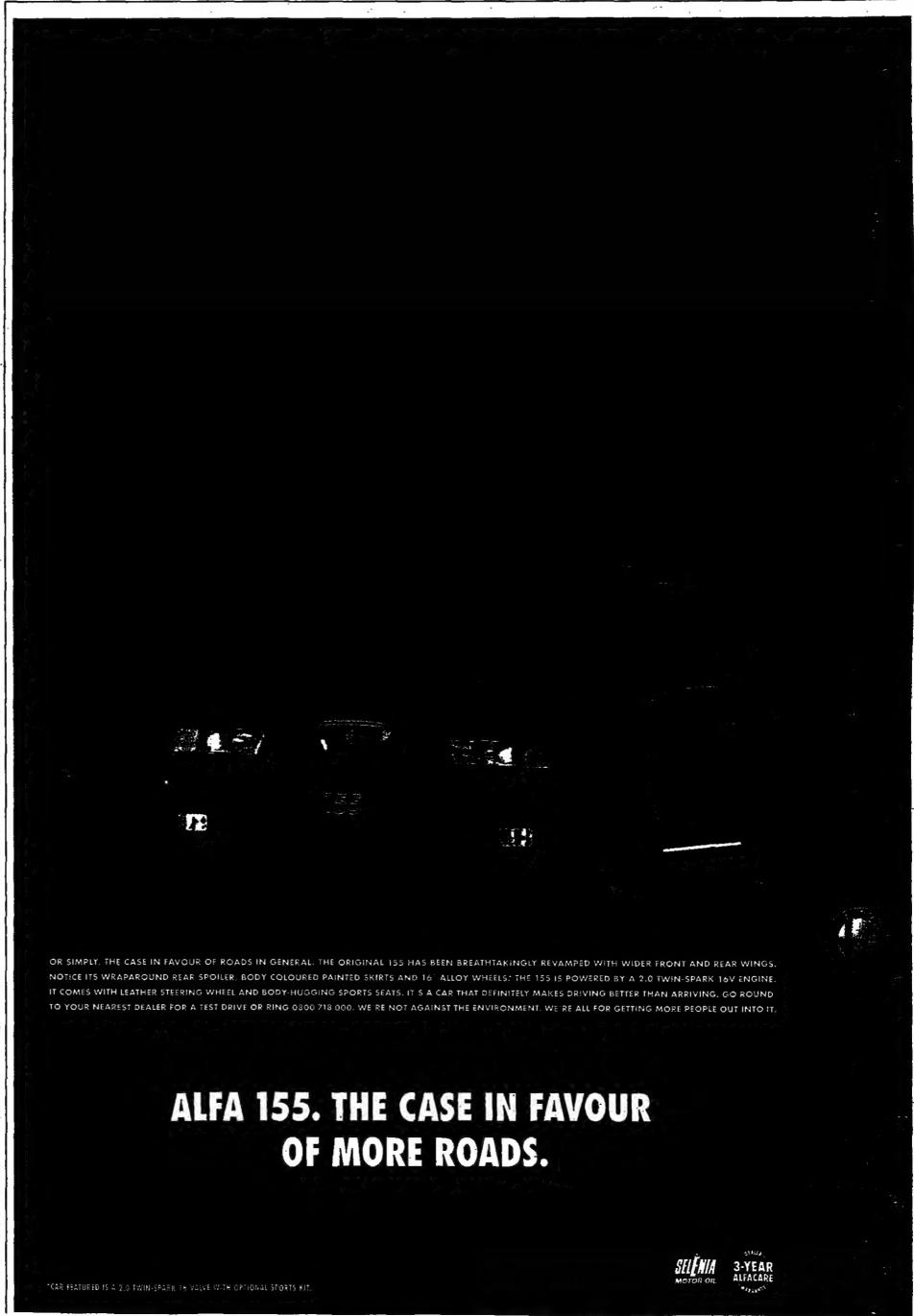
Several times he mentioned the \$29.95 (£19.60) videotape interview he has made. His contract with the manufactured him from discussing certain elements of his story, while his continuing civil legal fight with the family of Ronald Goldman meant he could not talk about the

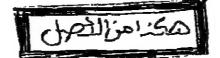
Mr Simpson said he had compassion for Goldman's father, Fred, who has been his most constant critic, but added that another side was "very

angry" with him. Mr Simpson, who admitted he once resorted to physical violence against his former wife, felt he had been unfairly cast as a misogynist by "a certain group of women". In an infelicitous choice of words, he said: "I have become their whipping boy."
He said he and his wife had

remained friends despite the occasional rows and she needed personal advice. He would "grieve for the rest of my life" for Nicole and was hiring investigators to search for her killer.

Despite his generally smooth demeanour, Mr Simpson did not appear to have succeeded in winning over critics. Andrea Peyser, a columnist in the New York Post; yesterday called Mr Simpson "a whiner and a video, although others felt it was time he was left alone.





# Nato commander shuns Serb leaders over war atrocities

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE two key Serb figures who played such a prominent role in prolonging the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina are now being shunned and ignored by all Nato commanders engaged in implementing the

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, and General Ratko Mladic, the Serb army commander, both wanted for alleged war crimes, have not dared to show their faces when Nato commanders have visited Pale, the Serb stronghold, for fear of arrest.

However, Admiral Leighton Smith, the Nato commander in Brania, disclosed yesterday that both men had tried to arrange meetings with him. but on each occasion he had ignored their requests.

He said Dr Karadzie had sent him a letter inviting him to lunch and General Mladic had passed on messages to arrange a meeting. "I didn't reply to the lunch invitation and I ignored the messages, Admiral Smith said on a brief visit to London.

The American admiral who is in charge of the 60,000strong Nato-led Implementation Force (Ifor), underlined the agreed policy that the troops under his command would not go seeking indicted

clear he would have nothing to do with either Dr Karadzic or General Mladic.

He said if they had appeared when he visited Pale on December 26 he would have left immediately. Asked if he would have tried to detain them, he said he only had eight security personnel with him and there were up to 2000 Serb soldiers around. "I'm not stupid," he said.

Since the arrival of Nato troops in Bosnia, the peace implementation mission had largely gone according to schedule and Admiral Smith was confident that the operation would be completed within the timescale of 12 months, However, he gave a warning against false expectations and said he was determined to "mission creep". In which Ifor troops took on responsibilities not covered by

the Dayton agreement. The most sensitive issue for Admiral Smith has been the demand for Hor troops to guard suspected mass graves containing victims of alleged Serb massacres. Although he has offered assistance to the United Nations war crimes tribunal, he underlined his reluctance to get involved in

deploying troops to guard all

war criminals. But he made it the suspected sites. He said he would need hundreds more soldiers for such an operation. as many of the 60,000 Nato troops were involved in sup-

> He said there were between 200 and 300 mass burial sites. about 20 of which were within the designated zones of separation between the former warring factions. The open-cast mines at Ljubija between Sanski Most and Prijedor in northwest Bosnia, where thousands of bodies are alleged to buried, were "two kilometres by two kilometres". Admiral Smith said and would be impossible to guard without extra troops.

> While pleased with the way the former warring factions had complied with most of the conditions, Admiral Smith said the failure to hand over all prisoners was an "abomination". His forces remained at two hours' notice to help with the release of prisoners.

He also said it was vital that the UN plan to send more than 1,700 civilian police to Bosnia should be implemented as soon as possible. So far only about 80 had arrived.

It was not up to Ifor troops to act as policemen. "We cannot make Bosnia a crimefree state," he said.



### Lisbon raises hope of East Timor deal

BY DAVID WATTS

THE election of a new Portuguese Government appears to have opened the way to the solution of a problem half a world away. Indonesia believes prospects for settlement of the East Timor dispute are improving after the first meeting between Ali Alatas, the Foreign Minister, and Jaime Gama. his new Portuguese counterpart, in London.

"Gama is a person who is open and sincere in his desire to find a way out of this problem." Mr Alatas told The Times. The new atmosphere augurs well for more talks later in Geneva. But, with resistance continuing, the fundamentals of the 20-year-old dispute remain much the same, despite new support for Jakarta from Australia through a sec-

urity treaty.
The United Nations regards the territo-

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ry as remaining under Portuguese administration. Mr Alatas said: "The Portuguese decolonisation process went vrong, as it went wrong in Angola and Mozambique. It happened in the middle of a civil war that they had created . . . But the difference with Angola and Mozambique was that in their cases the Portuguese recognised that a self-determination process had taken place. With East Timor, that did not happen."

**Pressure** grows for nuclear arms ban

FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

NON-ALIGNED countries are challenging superpower domination of the 38-nation Disarmament Conference by insisting on a start to talks on full nuclear disarmament this year. The move could hinder a push by Western powers and Russia towards a nuclear test ban treaty.

As the conference began its 1996 session. India insisted that it would only accept a conclusion of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty if it is linked to negotiations to eliminate all nuclear weapons.

Twenty-one other non-aligned countries also criticised the big powers for failing to take the step, but they stopped short of openly link-

ing it to a test ban.

The Indian position cast aside the usual evasive, and sometimes obscure, discourse reserved for negotiations and caught officials by surprise. They said earlier that they believed none of the countries in the talks would dare to be seen to be holding up moves to outlaw nuclear test explosions by September.

John Holum, director of the US Arms Control Agency, said bilateral talks were a better place for disarmament negotiations than the conference.

Negotiators still have more than 1.200 disputed pieces of

### Russians fear 'spy' backlash by Poles

By Roger Boyes

AFTER the ousting of Jozef Oleksy, the Prime Minister. yesterday faced its worst political crisis since the 1989 Solidarity takeover. Russia was the first to sense the move's seriousness, warning Warsaw against launching an anti-Moseow policy after spy-ing accusations against Mr

The resignation of Mr Oleksy - accused of handing secrets to a KGB colonel may affect Poland's passage towards Nato membership. And it could signal the splintering of the former Communist Party, now dominating parliament, occupying the

premiership and presidency. The military prosecutor triggered the crisis late on Wednesday by announing there was sufficient evidence to investigate spying claims against Mr Oleksy. The Prime Minister stepped down. swearing: "I declare I have never betrayed Poland - I

never harmed my fatherland."

The dossier against him is said to contain transcripts of telephone conversations with a neighbour — a Russian diplomat — a video of a rendezvous with another Russian diplomat, and testimony from bisdyguards who served Mr Oleksy when he was Speaker. Mr Oleksy claims the friendship with the Russians was innocent. The main Russian involved - now a businessman based in Moscow says they were just good

friends. But the military prosecutor appears to have material that compromises not only Mr Oleksy but also other members of the former Communist Party, now the Social Democrats. The Russian Deputy Prime Minister, Sergei Krylov, gave a warning yesterday that the

Polish investigation should not start a witch hunt against former Communists or mark the beginning of a crusade against Russia. Files against Mr Oleksy were released by the outgoing Interior Minister before Lech Walesa stepped down as Presi-

dent last month. Mr Walesa

has called for early elections

and hopes to lead a united

Solidarity back to power.

# WORLD

### **American** culture too costly

Paris: The American Centre dant. The building will be

Cultural events will still be organised, but in collaboration with other venues in the French capital. (AFP)

### PanAm set for take off again

New York: PanAm, the once great American airline that fell victim to the Lockerbie bomb and went bust in 1991, is to be relaunched (Quentin Letts writes). Martin Shugrue and Charles Cobb, a former US Ambassador to leeland who bought the PanAm trade mark for £861,000 in 1993. hope to start flights this summer, initially serving the US market. The airline was originally formed in 1927.

### Mediators fail to free Britons

Jakarta: Two missionaries met the Irian Java rebels who are holding 13 people, including four Britons, in their jungle camp, but could not the hostages. Indonesian mili-tary officials said. The rebels withdrawal

New York: The US Food and Drug Administration has approved an oil substitute that could sharply reduce the calorie level of snack foods (Quentin Letts writes). But some health groups say olestra may cause diarrhoea and wash

# SUMMARY

in Paris, a showcase for the country's culture for more than 60 years, is closing because of financial problems, it was announced yesterday. Founded in 1931, it moved to plush new E27 million premises in the Bercy, inaugurated by Hillary Clinton, in 1994. The doors will close on February 12 and the 23 staff employed by the centre, which did not received government

persuade them to free any of want autonomy for the provtroops. (AP)

### Snack attack

vital nutrients out of the body.

### Greeks defend islet

Athens: Greek warships patroiled the eastern Aegean Sea vesterday to defend a barren islet that Greece fears could emerge as a Falklands-type target of neighbouring Turkey (John Carr writes).

The Foreign Ministry said yesterday there was "no question over sovereignty of Imia, little more than a lump of rock a few miles off the Turkish coast. It said Turkey officially laid claim to it last month; the first such incident in more than 70 years.

Greece said a full-scale diplomatic incident was unlikely. But Imia reawakened fears

that Turkey would like to take over some of the smaller islands of the eastern Aegean. under Greek administration since 1947.

The Greek Government said a Turkish cargo vessel which ran aground on Imia late last month refused an offer of help, claiming that the island was under Turkish sovereignty. Athens, at the time, rejected the argument.

Last year. Turkey threat-ened to go to war if Athens extended control around its islands from six to 12 miles. It said the Aegean Sea would be turned into "a Greek lake".



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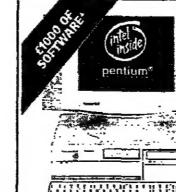
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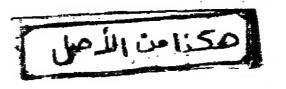
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# **MATIMES**

**BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook** 

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Regulator is over-ruled and British Gas's rivals are jubilant

# Eggar rejects £1.5bn gas levy

MINISTERS have dropped plans to take powers for a consumer levy to bail out British Gas from liabilities of

The levy, which could have added an average of £45 a year to household bills was backed by the gas regulator.

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At the same time, the Government now accepts that a delay of at least a month may be needed before a pilot project giving 500,000 householders in the South West the right to chose a different gas

supplier can proceed.

The April I target for the pilot scheme, which is intended to test procedures before all 18 million household gas users in Britain are allowed a choice of supplier, is at risk because much of the huge computer system, that was developed to process bills, remains untried.

Although Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, and industry leaders are still trying to ensure systems are ready by April I, the Government believes it is more important to achieve a relatively

smooth transition to a competitive market in household gas supplies. That view is shared by Ms Spottiswoode.

But the decision not to take powers to impose a levy runs counter to the advice from the regulator.

Although acknowledging that it was "a fine judgment" she gave a warning that any failure to renegotiate lossmaking take-or-pay gas purchase contracts could threaten

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the viability of British Gas. Consumer representatives and rival gas suppliers were overjoyed by the levy announcement from Tim Eggar. the Energy Minister.

lan Powe, director of the Gas Consumers' Council, said the decision was most unexpected. "I am thrilled," he said. "It shows that their measurement of the political risk came up with the same



Clare Spottiswoode fears for the viability of British Gas

assessment as we did: It would have been an horrendous notitical risk.

Caroline Harper, managing director of Amerada Hess Gas, said: "We are very pleased. We never felt it was the proper way to handle the

The Department of Trade and Industry had planned to introduce a clause in licences issued to shippers, who are poised to compete with British Gas in the pilot marketopening scheme in the South-West, allowing it to impose a

"insurance policy" in case efforts by British Gas to renegotiate £40 billion of longterm gas purchase agree-ments with North Sea producers failed.

British Gas no longer needs so much fuel because of the inroads made into its market by rivals. But because the spot price of gas has slumped to half the average British Gas contract price, it cannot sell the gas on to rivals without huge losses.

But intensive lobbying, threats of a court challenge by big industrial users and publicity have made the levy power controversial. When draft licences were sent to shippers last week, Clause 12 was included, but left blank.

Announcing the decision, the Minister said: The Government has now decided that it would not be appropriate to include a reserve power to authorise levies in relation to gas purchase contracts."

He added: "There are encouraging indications tween British Gas and gas producers over the terms of the long-term take-or-pay

Mr Eggar insisted the Government would consider measures to help British Gas if efforts to renegotiate the contracts fail. But introducing levy powers later would be almost impossible because it would require new legislation, and almost inevitably trigger



Last resort: Tim Eggar said the Government would consider aid for British Gas

on, and a seven-year ban. Deacon and Fuller en-

maggering and have been matched only by the enormity of the lies which you both told." About £t0 million has

never been recovered. The judge told Deacon he had made a habit of investing imaginary sources of money, adding: This case has been riddled with forgeries and deceit. There is no doubt your lies were so enormous many were taken in. You didn't know the money from Belling would come from the pension funds. But this case demonstrates that managements can be totally misled into taking decisions which in the end lead to the demise of com-

fordshire, had been convicted of six counts of conspiracy to defraud and two of obtaining property by deception. Fuller, of Liverpool Road East. Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent, Staf-fordshire, was convicted of six conspiracy counts\_and one deception charge. They were assisted by John Savage, an American Named as a co-conspirator in many charges, he succumbed to stomach cancer before he could be extradited

# **TODAY**

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whether Sir Rocco can raise sufficient funds to make a serious bid. Rumours of rival bidders continued in the City on what was otherwise the first day of calm since the takeover war. New names emerging centred on major American groups, such as ITT-Sheraton. Hilton US and Hyatt. ITT and Hilton

are, however, occupied with demorger plans. Whithread reiterated interest in the madside assets, for which it had bid £1 billion when they were owned hy Forte, but said that it was not interested in the mid-market or upmarket hotels. Granada must sell the Welcome Break motorway service stations to meet Monopolies and Merger

Sir Rocco's

comeback

aims stir

Granada By ALASDAIR MURRAY

NEWS that Sir Rocco Forte is

preparing a bid for part of his

old empire sent Granada

shares on a roller-coaster ride

yesterday, touching an all-time high of 738p, before

Sir Rocco's interest almost

guarantees that Granada will

be able to hold an auction for

the Meridien and Exclusive

hotel chains. However, the

shares were hit by profit-

taking and doubts about

closing at 704p, down 3p.

Commission guidelines. Bass, the brewing and hotel company, said that its strategy centred on franchising its Holiday Inn brand name and that it was principally interested in opportunities in this context.

Granada has not decided whether to keep the Forte name, strongly associated with the mid-market hotels that the company is absorbing, but it has suggested that it shell for tax purposes. Sir Rnow has not decided whether to reclaim the family name for his new venture.

Granada yesterday de-clared its bid unconditional and said that it would launch the hid-related share issue today. The 47p special dividend will be payable to Forte shareholders on the register before close of business today.

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Easier times

The Confederation of British Industry vesterday endorsed the idea that employees should have higher real wages and own a larger slice of the country's wealth. The shift by the CBI was welcomed by both the Trade-Union Congress and the Pennington 23, page 26

Bluer skies

Boeing, the world's leading aircrait manufacturer. predicts a recovery in sales to \$22 billion during the current year after an II per cent fall in 1995. A strike, combined with intense competition from Airbus, caused deliveries to fall from 270 to just 206 last

# Electricity plan to spend millions on shining image

By Christine Buckley

THE electricity industry is considering spending several million pounds a year in a long-running advertising campaign to spruce up its image and to counter poor publicity generated from high profits and fat-cat executive

pay.

Ed Wallis, president of the Electricity Association — the trade body — and chief executive of PowerGen, the generator, is asking companies to contribute £5 million to £6 million this year to launch a highprofile marketing exercise.

In a letter to heads of the regional electricity companies and the generators, Mr Wallis gives a warning that the image of the industry has been croded. He says: "It will cost money obviously to support such a programme but it will be small change compared with the impact of a windfall tax, which may be the result of

Saatchi & Saatchi has draft-

ed plans for a campaign in which it tells the industry: "If you do nothing, you collectively stand to lose many millions and risk also your 'licence to operate' as you would wish. You have a window of opportunity now to win back some approval and become less of a political football."

The advertising agency says that one objective should be "to have the Labour Party feel that there is less public demand for intervention in the

But there is thought to be dissension in the industry. with some companies believing that it is not a suitable time to launch an image offensive.

Some feel that such a move would only backfire. The proposals have in-Labour, which says censed that the industry should not be prepared to use consumers'

strike against a change of

John Battle, the Shadow Energy Minister. said yesterday: "The regional electricity companies alone have made over £2 billion in pre-tax profits since privatisation. The generating company Power-Gen is hoping to spend £1.9 billion on buying up Midlands Electricity. And accordto PowerGen's 1995 annual report Mr Wallis took home £401,000 last year."

He went on: "I want to know why, when so much profit has been made, the electricity companies are considering funding a PR campaign at the consumers' expense to seek to prevent a situation in which the public would welcome some kind of action."

The Electricity Association said that no firm plans had yet been made and it was awaiting replies from its members

### Premium **Bond** wins cut

By Sara McConnell

THE odds on winning a of 350,000 prizes a month.

prize in the May draw will be about 17,200:1, compared with 15,000:1 now. Changes in the prize structure will mean fewer smaller £50 and £100 prizes. The move was part of an overall cut in interest rates on National Savings accounts. National Savings withdrew all its fixed rate accounts at the close yesterday and will replace them today with new issues paying lower rates. Variable rates on other accounts will be cut from today. The reduc-tion in rates is between 0.25 per cent and 0.9 per cent.

prize on the Premium Bonds have lengthened. National Savings yesterday bowed to Treasury pressure to cut the number of prize payouts after falls in interest rates. From May I, for the first time, there will be a set total The odds of winning any

### **Belling pension** fraud solicitor given nine years

By Jon Ashworth

THE disgraced former solicitor at the centre of the Belling pension fund scandal was iailed for nine years yesterday. Charles Deacon, 54, was banned from serving as a director for ten years. James Fuller, 57. his co-conspirator, was sentenced to seven years in pris-

snared some of Europe's largest firms in a web of deception. Targets ranged from Finland's biggest food processor to Belling, the UK company that raided its pension fund to qualify for a non-existent loan. In so doing, it left many former employees facing reduced pensions. It collapsed in 1992. Passing sentence at Middle-sex Guildhall Crown Court.

central London, Judge Fabyan Evans, QC, told the two men: The sums of money involved in this case have been quite

panies and consequently the loss of jobs for employees." The judge said overseas victims were impressed by Deacon's professional standing as a solicitor for 20 years. It was not possible to estimate the damage people like him had done to the legal profession's reputation. "You told lies at every turn and money passed through your account like sand through a colander. You gambled and lost," he said. Deacon, of Bramfield Drive. Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staf-

to the UK to stand trial.



# Midas Leech turns £50,000 into £55m

By GEORGE SIVELL

KEVIN LEECH, who put £50,000 day cashed in £55 million of shares via a Jersey company of which he owns 68 per cent. His remaining 54 per cent personal stake is worth a staggering £353 million in spite of the company not having made a profit.

Shares in M.L. Laboratories leapt 46p to a record high of 457p yesterday after the placing of a 10 per cent stake in ML by Milner Laboratories, the Jersey company. ML also managed to raise £25 million yesterday from institutions and develops pharmaceuticals, reby way of a placing of new shares at

400p each. M L was first listed on the old Stock Exchange third market in 1987 at an equivalent to yesterday's

share price of 10p. Mr Leech, ML's chairman, abandoned his chartered accountancy ex-

ams at 21 to take over the family funeral business, which ran 20 parlours in the Manchester area. By the time he was 40 he had built it into one of the largest private funeral businesses in the country before selling up and becoming a tax exile in Jersey.

M L Laboratories, which researches vealed yesterday that it suffered a £3.4 million loss for the year to September 30, compared with a E2.3 million loss in 1994. Losses are normal for companies using up cash to develop new pharmaceuticals. M L ended 1995 with net cash of £1.9 million, but it needed to raise the £25 million from the institutions yesterday to meet its

ML is developing an improved treatment for kidney failure called leodial and is involved in clinical trials of a new method of taking drugs for respiratory disease, of leudextrin. an anti-cancer drug, and of an Aids drug known so far as D2S.



Leech: £55 million share sale

### Burton Group's sales up

By SARAH BAGNALL

BURTON GROUP, the Dehenhams to Dorothy Perkins clothing retailer. provided further evidence vesterday that it was firmly back on the road to

Sir John Hoskyns, chairman, told the annual meeting that sales rose 5.9 per cent in the 20 weeks to January 20, helped by an 8.5 per cent advance by the multiples. Analysts raised their profit forecasts from about £120 million to £130 million.

Sir John said: "In spite of the encouraging performance for the first 20 weeks of the year, the lack of overall growth in the retail clothing market which has been widely reported forces us to remain somewhat cautious on the trading outlook for the full year."

As the group had pre-dicted, the growth in the gross margin was expected to slow, so yesterday's news that the rate had eased from 22 to 1.9 per cent was no surorise.

☐ Kenwood Appliances said that third-quarter sales rose 16 per cent, with UK sales ahead 24 per cent. The UK performance contrasts with the 7 per cent decline recurded in the six months to September 30.

### TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sets
Australia S	2.16	2.00
Austria Sch	16.76	15.26
Belgium Fr	49.08	44,78
Canada \$	2.190	2,030
Cyprus Cypt	0.751	0.696
Denmark Nr	9.28	6.48
Finland Mkk	7.44	8 79
France Fr	8.09	7.44
Gormany Dm .	2.4D	2.19
Graece Dr	390,00	365.00
Hong Kong \$	12,37	11.37
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
largel Shik	5.1400	4 4900
Itely Lira	2519.00	2364.00
Japan Yen	176 20	180.20
Maita	0.589	0.534
Netherids Gld	2.663	2433
New Zealand \$	2.42	2.20
Norway Kr	10 40	2.20 9.60
Portugal Esc	243.50	225 00
S Almos Rd	ref.	5.29
Spam Pta	196,00	183 00
Sweden Kr	10 99	10,19
Switzerland Fr	1.93	1.75
Turkey Line	refer	99168.0
USAS	1.614	1,484



Goodhead printing and publishing, chaired by John Madejski. right, with John Cooling, managing director, has restored the interim dividend at 0.05p, the first time it has been paid since 1990-91; pre-tax profits rose to £451,000, up from £76,000

# EC urges common market for defence equipment

By Ross Tieman. Industrial correspondent

the Union.

THE European Commission has unveiled a package of proposals designed to create a common market in defence equipment and redress the European Union's \$4 billiona-year arms deficit with the United States.

In a report yesterday, Mar-tin Bangemann, the Industry Commissioner, claimed the 15 member states could save \$13.6 billion a year by opening their national procurement markets to other member states.

Because of its sensitivity, defence purchases have hith-

BARCLAYS BANK is to close

its share registration business by March after deciding that

it is not commercially viable

most of the 450 people em-

ployed at Beckenham, Kent,

would keep their jobs

Altrincham, Cheshire,

Barclays said it hoped that

(Patricia Tehan writes).

rules obliging public tenders to be opened to competition from companies throughout the Union. But the proposal is likely to

face mixed reactions from member states, which recognise the opportunities from collaboration, but find it politi-cally difficult to shed jobs in order to buy cheaper arms from their neighbours.

it will also provoke alarm in the United States, the leading overseas source of high-tech weaponry for most EU mem-

because the bank is in discus-

sion with Independent Regis-

trars Group and Lloyds Bank

Registrars to provide registra-

A spokeswoman said the

business had been deemed to

be a non-core activity for

The move follows Nat-

tion for its customers.

Barclays.

erto been exempt from EU bers. The Commission sugoverseas supplier of choice for almost all the member states. gests arms companies from outside the EU should be The Commission said that denied the right to take action between 1988 and 1992, the US against states that fail to hold exported \$18 billion of major open procurement decisions. conventional weapons to And it proposes tariffs against Europe, but bought only \$1.7 arms imported from beyond billion of arms manufactured

> That is a direct threat to the huge United States arms industry, which is a leading supplier of transport and fighter planes, helicopters and missiles to many member states. According to commission research, the US is the

is part of an increasing trend

as share registrars face re-

quirements for significant in-

vestments in technology in

Pennington, page 23

order to compete.

European suppliers.
The Commission calculates Barclays quits share registration that 12 EU states, excluding the three most recent members, Sweden, Austria and Finland, shed 600,000 of their tration business to Royal Bank of Scotland, in 1994, and 1.6 million defence jobs during

imbalance."

Bangemann.

the four-year period. As a result, arms companies in many EU states are now too small to be economic serving national markets alone, and face intensifying competition from rivals in the United

within the EU. "It's a total

The report also called for

negotiations with third coun-

tries to insist they must provide

"comparable and effective" ac-

cess to their markets, in ex-

change for equal rights with

said Mr

### Governor defends supervision by Bank

BY JANET BUSH AND PATRICIA TEHAN

EDDIE GEORGE, Governor of the Bank of England, yesterday defended his institution's role in banking supervision and said that the advantages of the present system should be weighed against calls for alternatives.

Speaking at the London School of Economics, he said that arguments in favour of a single financial services regulator "seem to me seriously to underestimate the complexity of the issue". He said that the Bank's unique vantage point of supervising each individual bank helped it to monitor threats to the system as a whole, even when preventative supervision had failed.

Meanwhile, Brian Quinn, the Bank director in charge of supervision who retires next month, called for international standards for payments and settlements systems that would provide a "safety net" in the event of failure.

In a speech in New York, he said that the Bank had begun to negotiate memoranda of understanding with regula-tory bodies in the UK so that they can be aware of all the risks to which a bank may be subject and to try to have early warning of problems. But such a safety net was not uniformly available in other countries and he said that the collapse of Barings. Britain's oldest merchant bank, pointed up the need for co-operation between regulatory authorities in different countries.

After the collapse of Barings last February, the Bank was criticised by the Board of Banking Supervision. In its inquiry into the collapse, it said that the Bank's performance could have been better and one of 17 recommendations it made was increased

international cooperation. Meanwhile, the Bank yester-day published a paper setting out plans for a facility for stripping gilts into their coupon and principal payments, a reform designed to offer investors and traders greater flexibility and so cut the cost of government borrowing. The Bank said that its consultative document last May had turned up broad demand for this new facility. It is asking for further responses by March 1.

### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### **Ulster Bank head** makes peace call

THE head of one of Ireland's biggest banking groups has called for "a third track" in the Northern Ireland peace process. Sir George Quigley, chairman of Ulster Bank Group, said he believed that such a track, covering development of economic opportunities for the island of Ireland, would find "a broad measure of agreement". Sir George, chairman of the Northern Ireland Economic Council, is a director of the Ulster Bank's parent group, National Westminster Bank.

Sir George told an Ulster Bank conference in Dublin: "The peace dividend for the island as a whole largely depends on the North's response to the economic opportunities opened up by peace... The stronger the economic circuitry island-wide, the more each part is likely to share in the success of the other.

### Procter progress

PROCTER & GAMBLE'S second-quarter profits rose II per cent, to \$836 million, from the same period a year earlier. The food and household products conglomerate said that revenues rose 7 per cent, to \$9.09 billion. Six-month fiscal year profits were up 12 per cent, to \$1.73 billion, on revenue of \$18.1 billion, the company said. John Pepper, chairman, spoke of "excellent volume growth" in North America and "record shipments in key growing markets like China and Eastern Europe".

### Jobs created at Siebe

SIEBE is creating 350 jobs worldwide because of an influx of orders worth more than £50 million. The engineering group said 80 new posts would be created in the UK, with another 20 recruited for service contracts in the Middle East. The remaining new staff will be recruited in the US and Far East. The group, based in Windsor, Berkshire, said expansion of its workforce followed record orders in control systems

### **Airtours warning**

AIRTOURS has given warning that the tour holiday market remains under a cloud. Bookings had fallen 34 per cent so far in the current financial year compared with the corresponding period last year, David Crossland, chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting. That reflects a later launch to the 1996 brochure, but was a modest improvement since December. The winter season was progressing satisfactorily, with UK bookings up 4 per cent.

### Laker flies again

SIR Freddie Laker, pioneer of cheap transatlantic airfares. will be launching the first flight of his new service, Laker Airways, on March 27 after yesterday's granting of a licence by the US Department of Transportation. The twice-weekly flight, from Florida to Gatwick, will be the first run by Sir Freddie since Skytrain's collapse 14 years ago. The new airline is owned 49 per cent by Sir Freddie and 51 per cent by Oscar Wyatt, the Texan oil millionaire.

### Weiss braced for defeat

EDWARD WEISS was ready to concede defeat in his battle to continue as chairman of Water Hall after shareholders appeared to back a resolution tabled by Raschid Abdullah, a director, calling for his removal from the board. The outcome of a vote 21 yesterday's extraordinary meeting will be known today. Mr Weiss is likely to be succeeded by Anthony Smith. Together with his brothers, Ahmed and Osman, Mr Abdullah controls 19 per cent of the company's shares.

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# PRODUCT RECALL

### STELLA ARTOIS BOTTLES (25cl bottle size, sold in packs of 24 only)



Stella Artois regret to announce that small fragments of glass have been found in a small number of 25cl bottles of Stella Artois beer. These bottles can only be bought as part of a pack of 24 from supermarkets, off licences and wholesalers in the UK. The affected bottles have all been withdrawn from public sale and production stopped.

The affected green bottles are all 25cl, in a 24 pack, with a green label and a best before data from April 1996 up to and including September 1996. These bottles should not be opened and the beer should not be consumed.

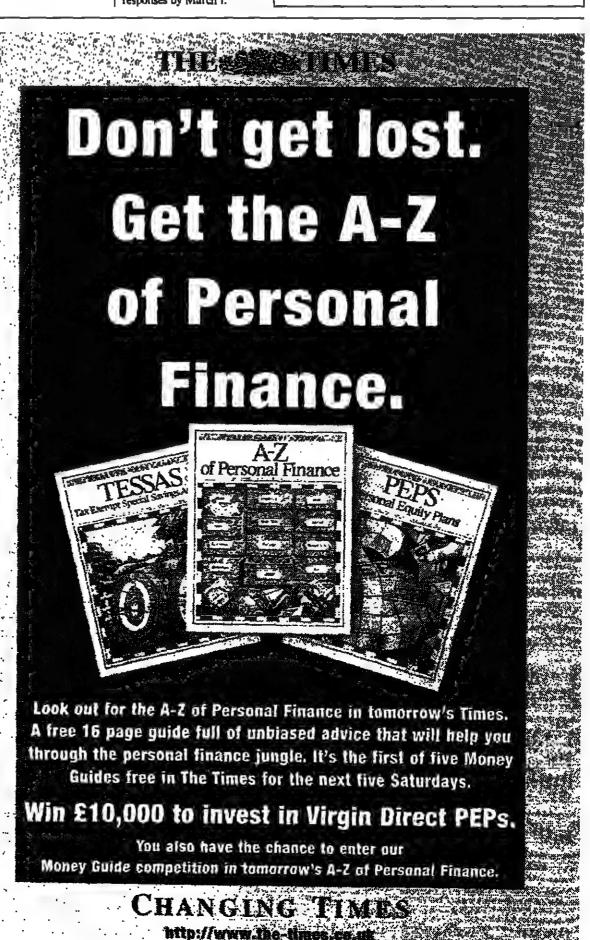
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For further information please call 0345 656065.

25cl Stella Artois will be back on sale within the next seven days. The new 24 packs will be clearly labelled "New Production".



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□ Overheard in the boardroom □ Government drops plans for gas levy □ Growing duopoly in share registrations

☐ THE scene is a dark satanic mill, somewhere in the induswards the shop floor.

trial North. Mr Gradgrind is in heated discussion with his fi-nance director. He gestures to-Gradgrind: There are workers and their families starving out there. The wages are pitiful, and are being undermined even fur-

ther by desperate part-timers who will do anything for a job. The workforce has been cut to the bone, and those left don't know if they'll be on the scraphon themselves to more row. heap themselves tomorrow. Finance man: I take your point. The share price is looking a bit

toppy. It's not that long since the remuneration committee last looked at executive share options, but I suppose we could .... Gradgrind: You don't understand, lad. We have been grind-ing the faces of the poor for the past 17 years.
Finance man: But that's what you told me to do.

Gradgrind: Quoted companies like ours saw their earnings rise by an average of 16 per cent annually over the past three years, as we pulled out of recession. But wages are barely keeping pace with inflation, so cowed have our people become by mass unemployment since we smashed the union. Finance man: That was the general idea, though.

Mr Gradgrind's change of heart Gradgrind: There's a new day dawning, lad, and it's called the stakeholder society. We've got to spread the wealth around a little.

The workers must get a fair day's pay for a fair day's work.
Finance man: You want to increase wages? But we cut them only last March.

Gradgrind: It's the wave of the future, lad. Adair Turner of the

Confederation of British Industry says so. Flexible approaches to pay, which link it to productivity and performance, that's what he says.

Finance man: But our productivity is about as good as it gets. ity is about as good as it gets -you said so. None of our competitors can lay a finger on us. Push wages up, and inflation rises and businesses like ours become less economically viable. The CBI has always been quite insistent on that in the past.

Gradgrind: I told you, there's a new day coming, and we've got to prepare for it

Finance man: Might I remind you, you don't own this mill any more, even if it's got your name on the roof. The people who do won't like it, and they have their ways of showing it - look at that Italian sandwich bar on the High Street they sold down the river just the other day.

Gradgrind: A bit of brass spread around now, and we might find we've made some useful friends

Finance man: I'd wait until then, if I were you. Still, words don't cost anything. I'll get the human resources boys to draw up a press release: We must develop a framework giving employees opportunities, prospects and participation in the economy's success' - that kind of stuff. Gradgrind: You can't — I sacked 'em all last week. (Pause). Well, you suggested it.

### Bowing to common sense

HOW nice to be right. For several weeks The Times has been drawing attention to the shortcomings of the Govern-ment's plan to sneak a clause into licences for gas shippers enabling an open-ended levy to be imposed on consumers. We have also repeatedly ex-

posed the delays in preparations

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to allow 500,000 households in the South West of England a choice of gas supplier. Yesterday, at last, the Govern-

ment acknowledged the strength ment acknowledged the strength of the case against the levy by publicly announcing that it will be dropped. It also became clear that while Ofgas is bravely battling for an April 1 start date for the competition pilot, the Government is prepared to delay if there is a serious risk that customers bills will be wrong. One simple test will decide whether to go ahead with the pilot, and that is whether the new

computer system and customer database developed by British Gas' pipeline subsidiary, TransCo, is working smoothly in time. Given that it has the tenth

biggest data-base in the world, this now looks highly unlikely. If there is a delay, it will have to be long enough to ensure that the revised target date is met. May, June, July, next year why should anyone care, so long as there is no political fall-out ahead of an election.

Politics did for those accursed levy powers too. These would have looked like nothing so much as a whipround for Cedric Brown. No sane politician would want to add an extra charge to consumers' bills to bail out a company better known for the size of its chief executive's pay packet than the quality of its

But more telling was the argument that far from acting as an insurance policy, the levy power could actually undermine efforts by British Gas to negotiate an exit from its £40 billion of take-or-pay gas contracts.

As has been said here before, British Gas's liabilities under these contracts, estimated at £1.5 billion, could in the end turn into £2 billion asset, given an upturn in gas prices and some nifty negotiation. A successful outcome to those talks with the producers looks all the more likely now the Government has bowed to common sense.

### A suitable case for OFT treatment

SHARE registration has al-Ways been a dry, dusty, paper-laden and at times deeply inefficient backwater of banking — an unexpected death, and the resulting need to transfer share ownership can mean three months of bureaucratic delay. This backwater is fast resem-

This backwater is fast resem-bling a shark pool. Barclays is backing out of a market the bank says does not pay. Barclays, Lloyds and the Royal Bank of Scotland have, by shareholder numbers, some 72 per cent. The rest is in the hands of independents, including the Inter-

national Registration Group.
One curious aspect of Barclays' exit, coming 18 months after the NatWest got out by selling to the Scots, is that the bank will only contemplate transferring its customer base to Lloyds or the IRG. The Scots.

although their market share is behind that of Lloyds, are being shut out, for unexplained rea-sons — too ambitious, perhaps?

Depending how much of the business goes to the independents up to three-quarters could be in the hands of two banks by the summer, therefore. Mean-while, not all the independents will be able to afford the investment needed to comply under the Crest paperless share-trading system, so concentrating that

near-duopoly even further. Fees paid by the companies are whatever the market will bear. The business, unprofitable now, could make money once the Crest investment is made. A suitable market for the Office of Fair Trading to investigate?

### Place your bets

☐ ONE secure income stream for those surviving registrars will be dealing with s.212 notices. These are devices aimed at detecting predators furking on the share register, and they look like a growth industry. This week Mercury Asset Management, even as it voted on the Forte bid, was buying further into two other market bid favourites. It emerged as 10 per favourites. It emerged as 10 per cent owner of Zeneca and, only yesterday, with 11 per cent of Thorn EMI. Firm long-term holdings, no doubt.

had offered the best price. The

decision to sell the BAA stake

was taken because the shares

were creeping up towards the

500p level that was last

breached in October and

because market conditions

were judged sufficiently

Rothschild pointed out that

the discount on yesterday's

deal was particularly small:

0.56 per cent compared with 4 per cent for the BP sale. Merrill Lynch will have made about £810,000 on the deal.

Rothschild, a key player in

the Government's priva-

tisations that now has a major

role in many European sell-

offs, was appointed last Sep-

tember by the Treasury to sell

residual stakes in privatised

practice was to hold back

some shares when privatising

The stakes still remaining

include a 14 per cent interest in the Mersey Docks & Harbour

Company. Small holdings in

privatised water and electric-

ity companies and generators

make up the bulk of the rest.

with stakes of about 2 per cent

in both National Power and

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in order to satisfy demand for

loyalty bonuses.

**BAA** stake

**By Sarah Cunningham** 

The sale follows a similar

other bidders. It said Merrill

Lynch had won because it

January Stock Clearance Sale.

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# Boeing regains lead as price war takes toll

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

BOEING, the world's leading aircraft manufacturer, pre-dicts a recovery in sales to \$22 billion during the current year after an II per cent fall in 1995.
A ten-week strike, combined with intense competition from Airbus Industrie, the European planemakers' consortium, caused deliveries to fall from 270 to 206 last year. Frank Shrontz, Boeing's chairman, blamed the in-

creased proportion of reve-

nues from the defence

business, where profit mar-

AT&T, the US telecommuni-

cations group, fell into heavy loss during the final

quarter of last year because

of the massive restructuring

charge for splitting the company into three separate

The company reported a \$2.7 billion loss after the unprecedented \$6.25 billion

charge needed to divide the

company and cut 40,000

jobs. Without it, the group

would have made a profit of

For the year as a whole,

the profit after the restruc-

turing charge was \$139 mil-

lion, compared with \$4.7

billion before. Without the

charge, however, profits would have soared to \$5.5

Defending the plan and its costs, Robert Allen, the

chairman, said: "Short-term

profitability is important, but long-term growth and

\$1.34 billion.

billion.

operating margins from 13 per cent to 11 per cent.

Net earnings for the year to December 31 were just \$393 million, down from \$856 miltion. Mr Shrontz said the company would have made \$783 million but for a special tax provision.

The downturn in 1995 revenues, to \$19.5 billion, had been widely expected. But while demand from airlines is recovering, Mr Shrontz said, the civil jet market would remain "extremely competitive". gins are lower, for a fall in

financial strength are essen-

tial." The aim of the plan is

to allow each of the new

companies to focus more

efficiently on its core

The division of the group into more focused units

poses a threat to BT, AT&T's

international rival. The US

telephone company has al-

ready signalled a policy of expansion in the UK, with a

plan to spend up to \$1 billion before the end of the decade.

Overseas expansion, how-

ever, contributed to a rise in

costs during the final quar-

AT&T saw revenues rise 5

per cent to \$22.1 billion for the year, fuelled mainly by a

rise in long distance and

wireless services, which rose

9 per cent. Profits also rose

in most areas of operations

including sales of products

such as cordless phones and

UK's few remaining indepen-dent toymakers. Hasbro has a

6.7 per cent stake in Bluebird.

whose chief executive. Chris

Burgin, previously spent 18 years with the American com-

pany. At the same time, Mattel

has a longstanding arrange-ment to distribute Bluebird's

toys in America. The bid by Mattel, maker of

Fisher-Price toys as well as Barbie dolls, for Hasbro, own-

er of Waddingtons and Tonka Toys as well as Sindy, received

strong support on Wall Street,

with Hasbro shares soaring to

\$46 from around \$30 when the

offer was announced. The

voice processing systems.

ter of last year.

**AT&T** into loss

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

In the sub-jumbo sector, Boeing's new 777 has achieved a barn-storming performance in the sales battle with the Boeing's production will rise. Airbus A330 twin-jet and the A340, its four-engined sister. Charge pushes

he said.

This titanic struggle is especially important, since each plane-maker spent more than \$1 billion developing its new range, and the planes have a list price of more than \$100

Boeing's success, however, has been aided by fierce competition among the engine suppliers, Rolls-Royce of Britain, and Pratt and Whitney and General Electric of the United States.

The A340, in contrast, suffers from having only one engine supplier, jointly owned by General Electric and

Snecma of France. Because Snecma is strapped for cash, it cannot cut prices, a factor that has also restricted GE's success in winning Boeing 777 orders for its GE90 engine, in which Snecma has a 25 per cent stake.

Together, the new 737 and the 777 accounted for twothirds of all new orders booked by Boeing last year. Overall, the Seattle company was able to claim a 66 per cent share of the jet market, pushing well ahead of Airbus, which briefly took the lead in new orders during 1994.

Tempus, page 24 Makers grounded, page 25



Jeff Hewitt, left, Unitech's finance director, and Peter Curry, its chairman

### Unitech 45% ahead as Far East helps sales

By MARTIN BARROW

UNITECH, the manufacturer and distributor of electronic components and controls, said that continued strong demand in the Far East was likely to offset a decline in the rate of growth in other re-

Peter Curry, chairman and chief executive, said: "Increasing acceptance of our new products by major customers

Mattel launches hostile bid for Hasbro

US toy rivals locked in battle

gions, particularly Europe,

experienced in the second

should enable (the) board to report further progress in the second half."

Unitech yesterday reported a 45 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £22.9 million, from £15.8 million, for the half-year to November 30, after a 20 per cent rise in sales, to £207 million. The interim dividend, payable on April I, rises to 2.96p, from 2.57p, after earn ings per share of 14.6p (11p). The shares fell 11p, to 498p.

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### Holliday hurt by warning

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

HOLLIDAY CHEMICALS, which specialises in dyestuffs, saw its shares slump 27 per cent after a profits warning.

The Yorkshire company said that it was being squeezed by the high cost of raw materials and pressure on pricing and sales of its own products. Its shares fell from 164p to 119p and dragged down those of Yorkshire Chemicals, which is also exposed to the dyestuffs market. Shares in Yorkshire plunged

22p to 258p. Holliday is taking a £3.5 million charge for restructuring manoeuvres to boost profits and said that it would turn in pre-tax profit of £15.4 million for the year to the end of December as against market expectations of about £20

nillion. The company is now pushing through price increases of



Barbie, Mattel's golden girl

main obstacle to a takeover would be regulatory hurdles since the companies are the largest toymakers in the US and would have to overcome American anti-trust rules. Some analysts put their com-bined market share in the US at around 40 per cent. It would include favourites such as Scrabble, Monopoly, and Mr Potato Head.



Hasbro's shareholders to accept its offer since it has declared that it will not go ahead without an agreed deal. Hasbro's management predictably rejected the offer out of hand as "incredibly pre-

Mattel now has to convince

sumptuous", leaving Mattel to appeal directly to their investors, who are mostly institutions, which analysts said,

Mattel is offering 1.67 shares in the combined company for every Hasbro share. It claims that this values Hasbro at a 73 per cent premium, or \$2.2 billion, over its market price. It has even promised to pay Hasbro \$100 million if an agreed deal is

blocked by regulators.

There is little love lost between the two companies, both of which have recently been expanding aggressively overseas, including Britain. Although Mattel's sales revenues of \$3.7 billion last year are not vastly more than Hasbro's \$2.9 billion, the company is much more profitable, giving it a market value more than twice that of its competitor.

Mattel, which is widely regarded as the better managed company, is worth more than \$7 billion on the stock market while Hasbro is worth only around \$2.7 billion.



# Rumours of Soros selling and bid talk rattle shares

if was another volatile day for the London market, dominat-ed by falling bond markets fter rumours that George coros, the international speculator, was a big seller, and by more bid talk and a couple of

large share placings.

The largest of these came as
Midland Bank offloaded its remaining 5.3 per cent stake in 3i Group, the venture capital group floated in July 1994 at 272p. James Capel, which is owned by HSBC, Midland's parent, was said to have placed 30 million shares at 40sp a share.

Last year, Midland reduced its 3i stake from 7.9 per cent to 5.3 per cent as part of last June's £440 million share sale by four bank shareholders. At the time, Lloyds and the Bank of England sold their entire stakes, while Barclays lowered its stake from 8.2 per cent to 5.5 per cent. Bank of Scotland and NatWest, 3i's other bank shareholders, held on to their stakes of 2.5 per cent and 17.8

per cent respectively.

3i shares ended 3p lower at 413p. on heavy volume of 62.4 million shares traded. HSBC dipped up to £10.96, while Lloyds TSB lost 6p to 337p, on volume of 11.6 million shares, and NafWest 7p to 667p. Bank of Scotland added 5p to 309½ p.

Meanwhile, equities failed to hold on to modest early gains as declining bond mar-kets on both sides of the Atlantic combined with a neg-ative start to trading on Wall Street. The US markets were again unsettled by fears that Congress may not pass the necessary legislation to allow the Government to cover its budget deficit

Sentiment was also hit by late speculative, but incorrect, talk that Eddie George, Gov-ernor of the Bank of England. was going to criticise the Chancellor's recent interest rate cut in a speech he was due to deliver at the London School of Economics last

night. The FT-SE 100 index ended near its worst of the day, closing down 24 points at 3,734.2. Second-liners fared better, with the FT-SE 250 only slipping 0.2 to 4,086.7. Volume, swollen by substantial placings in 3i and BAA, reached 857 million at the official close.

BAA, the airports operator, ended unchanged at 496p on heavy volume of 62.8 million shares traded after the Gov-



Torquil Norman, chairman, saw Bluebird shares jump 15p

ernment sold its 2.9 per cent stake. The Treasury raised about £140 million after selling about 29.5 million BAA shares to Merrill Lynch Smith New Court, the stockbroker, which in turn passed them on to institutions in a placing at 494p a share.

Shares in Granada, which this week won control of the

Savoy A shares jumped 32p to £11.80, with the prestige hotel group seen as a prime target as a one-off buy after Granada reported huge interest in the 68 per cent stake Forte empire after its hostile which is up for sale.

Jasurin, the electronic systems designer listed on the Alternative Investment Market, jumped 12p to 103p after accompanying increased interim profits with news of a record order book and a £5 million contract from GEC-Alsthom for passenger information systems for trains on London Underground's Northern Line.

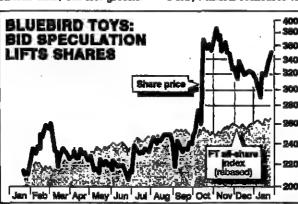
battle with the hotels and restaurants group, touched a new high of 738 2p, but then slipped back to end 3p lower at

Granada was initially lifted after saying it would be happy to consider a bid from Sir Rocco Forte for the Exclusive and Meridien chain of hotels once he and his team are in a position to put forward a serious offer, but lost ground

Standard Chartered, which has been gripped by takeover speculation, fell back after recent gains as the City took a calmer approach and accepted the rumours may yet again be unfounded. The shares retreated 26 p to 636p after the bank said it was not aware of any circumstances leading to the recent movement in its P&O, which is rumoured to

on doubts that Sir Rocco can

raise the necessary finance. Forte dipped 2p to 396p on heavy volume of 20.4 million



date, was the best performer among FT-SE stocks, with the shipping to property group steaming ahead 12½ p to 529p.

Toy companies were also the centre of speculative interest in the wake of the \$5.2 billion hostile offer from Mattel, the US toy group whose empire spans Barbie dolls to Fisher Price products, for Hasbro, its American rival. Among possible UK targets, Bluebird Toys, which is 6.7 per cent owned by Hasbro and is one of the UK's few remaining independent toy groups, jumped to 363p before

ending at 354p, up 15p.

Games Workshop added 7p
to 299p and Toy Options firmed 2p to 98p. Lasmo was also a good market, adding 2½p to 172p. before a Nigerian drilling

British Biotech continued its remarkable advance, surging to £23.58 before closing at £22.38, up 70p, for a two-day gain of 268p. The shares have more than trebled in the past six months as investors become Increasingly optimistic about prospects for Marimastat, the company's new cancer treatment which is

undergoing trials. Elsewhere, Cantab Pharmaceuticals surged 85p to 530p, Cortees 33p to 270p, Scotia 19p to 503p and Anagen 5p to 75p. ML Laboratories, meanwhile, raced to an alltime high of 457p, up 46p at 400p after accompanying increased losses with a £25 million cash call.

Holliday Chemical dived 45p to 119p after issuing a profits warning. The warning unsettled others in the sector. with Yorkshire Chemicals down 22p to 258p, Laporte 13p to 644p, ICI 18p to 308p and Courtaulds 15p to 432p.

GILT-EDGED: Gilts suffered widespread falls. The March long gilt future lost 20 ticks to Elll<sup>11</sup>/<sub>32</sub> on volume of 65,000 contracts. Among con-

ventional stocks, five-year is-

sues fell by about £4, while

losses extended to £4 among

longer-dated stocks. ☐ ÑEW YORK: A sell-off in the US bond market continued to weigh on Wall Street shares and kept them trading lower at midday. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 14.09 at 5,228.75. Analysts said the market was also falling prey to some profit taking after a steep run, mostly

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# Boeing flies higher ers' consortium. The American firm is

gaining ground just as demand for airliners begins to recover from a four-year slide. The negative impact of a ten-week machinists' strike coloured yesterday figures from the Seattle manufacturer. Nevertheless, Boeing

shareholders have Airbus to thank for the leaner and meaner look of the American During 1994, and for the first time, Airbus booked more new orders than Boeing. The Americans responded with aggressive dis-

current cost of production. These deals are backed by a cost-cutting drive that Airbus cannot possibly match. The

counting, offering airlines planes for delivery

in four years at prices 25 per cent below the

European consortium is hamstrung by its ownership structure, which gives the partners insufficient incentive to cut costs. Although British Aerospace, a 20 per cent partner. claims to be the world's most cost-competitive aerostructures company, Airbus is weighed down by the strength of the mark, the franc and the social costs of its French, German and Spanish partners.

Last year, Boeing booked two thirds of all new orders for commercial jets worldwide. This year it has extended its lead with sales projected to recover to \$22 billion. Backed by 2 6.5 billion order book, and despite the failure of merger talks with US rival McDonnell Douglas, Boeing's pockets are bulging with enough cash to develop new planes and make acquisitions. Unless Airbus pulls itself together, the skywar is all but lost.

### Holliday

HOLLIDAY Chemicals is suffering from more than a bout of seasonal depression and the market duly thrashed the share pice after it said that there was little chance of any The Huddersfield com-

pany closed a laundry products factory in Hull earlier this month. The move gave some credence to the growing alarm in the chemicals industry that the much talked about destocking is going deeper than expected and industry gossip suggests more fundamental shake-up. Yesterday, Holliday gave a

warning to the market of problems in ultramarine pig-ments. Holliday is the world leader in production of ultramarine dyestuffs and said that these high-margin goods were making up a

lower proportion of group sales. In spite of upbeat forecasts that demand for chemicals will pick up this year, Holliday fails to see any large-scale recovery in its sales or its order book.

Holliday earns a living from several niche chemical products including textile dye stuffs, hairdyes and photographic materials. Huge

surges in the price of raw materials have hurt margins. while sales have declined, increasing price pressure.

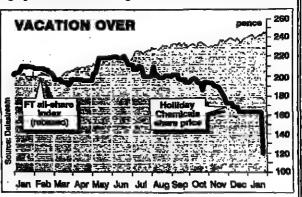
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Holliday's warning re-Chemicals, which is also exposed to dyestuffs. Without signs of renewed demand, investors are better off with minimal exposure to the chemicals cycle.



### Burton

BURTON failed dismally to talk down its prospects yesterday. Words of caution received scant attention from analysts as they swiftly upgraded their profit forecasts for the retailing group. Burton has long been

dubbed a recovery stock, but until last year showed little evidence of living up to the title. Generating less than £100 million in profits from almost £2 billion in turnover, there certainly has been room for improvement.

The first sign of recovery was last year's sharp climb in margin, helping profits to more than double. Yesterday's news that the gain in gross margin had slipped from 2.2 per cent to 1.9 per cent was not unexpected. Instead of worrying that the pace of growth was slowing, the market took comfort from good like-for-like sales growth and evidence that margins are still on the rise. With raised profit expecta-

on about 19 times earnings and at a 40 per cent premium to the sector. The recovery is still gathering steam, and so should the shares.

tions, the shares are trading

### Mersey Docks

LIKE the proverbial bad penny, labour problems have continued to haunt the Liverpool docks. Mersey Docks and Harbour Company shareholders will wince at the idea of paying up to £8 million to dockers who abandoned their jobs in a quixotic gesture of support towards redundant employees of a separate, and now defunct,

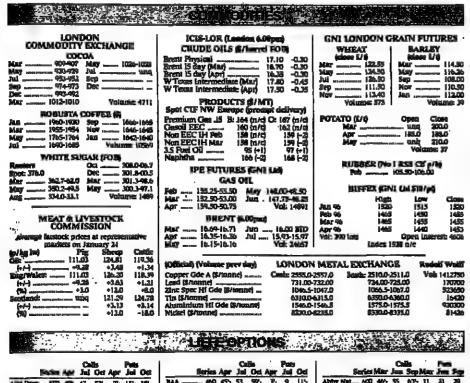
stevedoring company. It may, however, turn out to be money well spent. Britain has too many ports to service a small island, and rivals of Mersey Docks were busy seducing its shipping customers while the cranes stood idle at the Royal Seaforth Docks. The company claims to have retained all its important customers, but, even so,

portunity to seek concessions from Mersey Docks in ex-change for continued loyalty to Liverpool.

However, Mersey Docks has extracted an important gain from the strike. Productivity has vastly improved at the container terminal; jobs taken over by shippers and new working practices have reduced manning levels by half, a cost-saving that should make Liverpool more competitive and able to attract more custom.

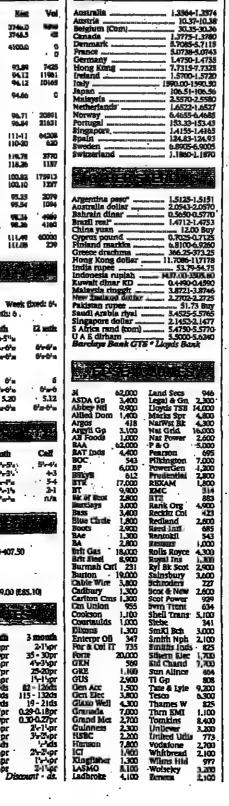
Many of the dockers sacked in the dispute were approaching retirement; their age must partly explain their bizarre atempt to force a revival of the National Dock Labour Scheme. A reversal of the growth in activity over the past five years at the Port of Liverpool would kill off attempts to revive business on Merseyside, and the hope must be that the settlement will allow old wounds to heal.

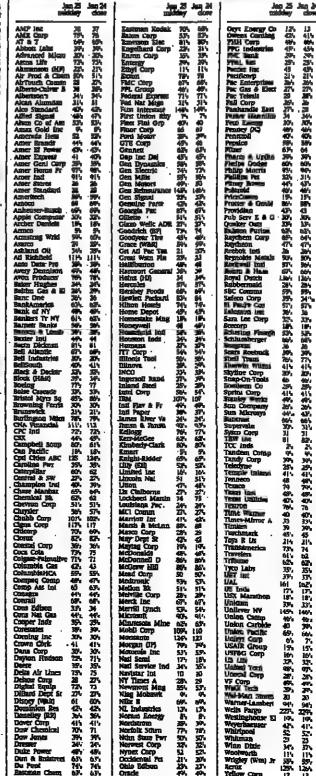
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### **BA flies** the kilt

YOU DON'T have to be blessed with handsome knees to fly with, or work for, British Airways, But it could help. BA has regis-tered its own tartan, and aptly chose Burns Night to reveal the "colours" of red, white and blue and the name British Airways Tartan". The tartan was formally registered at a ceremony at Glasgow's Turnberry Hotel last night, conducted by the Scottish Tartan Society and involving a solemn ritnal of prayers, toasts and dedications before the tarran was sworn in.
Though British Cale-

donian, which BA acquired in 1987, had long sport-ed tartan uniforms, BCal never had its "own" tartan. Ties have been made for the crew, and the BA "check" will be seen on mugs, cushions and napkins in Club World cabins on long haul aircraft. Iron-ically, the tartan will not be woven north of the Border but by two Lancashire companies as cotion was the stipulated material.

### Full house

GRANADA, fresh from winning the battle for Forte, is off to a cracking start if table bookings at The Savoy are any guide. John Dear, managing director of Lazards, adviser to Granada, reportedly cannot secure a table there today to thank Jonathan Clare, joint anmaging director of PR firm Citigate. Will they try a

IFIT'S been tough second-guessing Lord Hanson or er the years, here's your chance At loam next ednesday, at Hanson's AGM, he is to reveal to the world the new name of a 1,000-hectare develop-ment by Hanson Land known as the Peterborough Southern Township. What name will he announce? Offers on post-cards only, please.

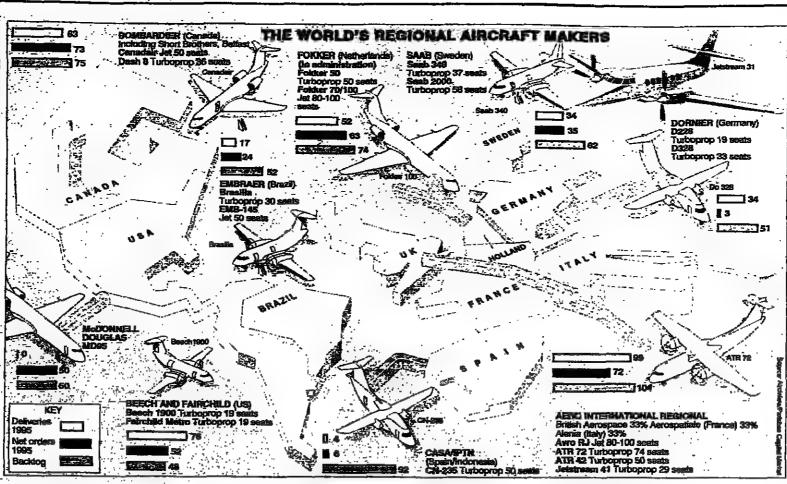


### Pier glint

IF YOU see a Natwest bank managers wearing a tin hat, here's why. A campaign advertising "rock bottom" interest rates has backfired somewhat. The 225 branches that open on Saturday were given 8 inch sticks of pink, green and yellow striped rock, with "NatWest" through the centre, to hand out Among the lucky branches were Brighton, East Grinstead, Scunthospe, Gran-tham — but not Blackpool. Sadiy, two metal staples were found in two of its 96,000 sticks. So NatWest Destroy or return to nearest NatWest branch. To date, we've had only 20 calls from customers to our hotline and no closed accounts" said its lady at the end of the pier.

ON MONDAY, in the wake of a High Court judgment in their favour (City Diary, January 18), nine private-client bro-kers formerly with Greig Middleton started at their new firm Brewin Dolphin in Birmingham. Yester-day, the 11-person institutional team that worked together at Greig Middleton in Glasgow were again united when three of the remaining four who had otherwise been on 12 months' gardening leave reported for duty at BD's

COLIN CAMPBELL



# Planemakers grounded by economics of common sense

omething truly remarkable is happening among the world's regional aircraft manufacturers. An outbreak of common sense is spreading like a virus, shriveling state aid, killing off the weak.

Just how far this cull of an over-

populated and deeply unhealthy indus-try will be allowed to run before old vices reassert themselves will become clear over the next year or two. The Dutch Government is under intense pressure to perform yet another Fokker bail-out, while the Chinese and Koreans are clamouring to become aircraft

Even so, the omens are better than at any time in the past half-century that economics will at last replace national ego and technology-obsessed engineers in the decision-making.

In the post-war years, almost every industrialised nation thought it needed an aerospace industry to secure its national defence and ensure its mastery of leading-edge technology. Regional planes - carrying 19 to 100 passengers, were seen as technically achievable and afordable. But the airline industry moved into bigger planes to win economies of scale, leaving too many little aircraft chasing too few tinpot airline customers.

At the same time, aero engineers in love with their craft and disdainful of cost created unaffordable machines. The wing of Dornier's pride and joy, the 328-110, is an engineering master-piece, smooth as can be, with nary a rivet in sight. But who can afford to pay \$9.1 million dollars for a 33-seat turbo-

prop?
Operators of planes like this run on a shoestring — their priorities are cheap to lease and cheap to fly. Local carriers with an eye to the bottom line rent second-hand planes from an oversupplied market and keep them in the air for decades. No wonder Dornier booked only nine orders for its 328 last year. The plane cost about DMI billion (£446 million) to develop. Daimler-Benz, Dornier's parent, wants out. You can't run an aircraft business on numbers like those.

The rot started long ago. But several elements have combined to trigger the industry shakeout now under way. First, the aviation industry slump of the late 1980s and early 1990s underRoss Tieman finds a revolution sweeping

through the regional aircraft industry

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mined orders and prices, leaving the industry with massive overcapacity.

Governments invariably responded with subsidies. But as the losses have grown, taxpayers have become increasingly reluctant to help. Canada bit the bullet first, shuffling first de Havilland, then Canadair into the private sector, accompanied by a farewell payoff. Britain did the same with Short Brothers in Belfast, providing a third opportunity for Bombardier, the Canadian transport equipment group, to

pick up something for next to nothing. Now Daimler-Benz and the Dutch Government have taken fright at Pokker losses, estimated to total 3 billion guilders (£1.2 billion) and pulled the plug. And Charles Million, the French Defence Min-

ister, has announced his government's intention to address the problems of France's state-owned aerocontractors, who have built up massive losses selling aircraft and aero engines below cost.

Fokker's problems have been exacerbated by a new phenomenon: intense price competition at the bottom end of the airliner market. Determined to win back customers from Airbus Industrie, its upstart European rival, Boeing of America has been offering its smallest plane, the 108 to 132-seat Boeing 737, for as little as \$20 million, betting on a 25 per cent cut in production costs by the time the planes have to be delivered. McDonnell Douglas, meanwhile, was so desperate to launch its 95-seat MD-95 twin-jet that it cut prices to little more than \$15 million a plane to win a 50-aircraft order from Valudet, an American carrier. This had a devastating impact on the price that airlines were willing to pay for Pokker's 109-seat F100 twin-jet, which used to sell for \$24 to \$30 million. The company

racked up massive losses. British

Aerospace, whose Avro RJ "whisper jet" is the prime competitor for the F100 and its smaller sister, the F70, has faced a similar shallenge. But BAc confronted its regional aircraft problem back in 1992, using the cashflow from its big defence business to take a £1 billion write-off for losses and

restructuring.

The result is that BAe now claims to be the most cost-effective aerostructures-maker in the world. Its Avro regional jet business has cut produc-tion to just 18 a year, booked 37 net orders in 1995, and aims to get back into profit in 1997. BAe's Jetstream turbo-prop business has ended production of the ATP and halted output of the 19-seat Jetstream 31. It now makes just

one plane, the 29-seat Jetstream 41, at a reduced rate. In the long-term. even the future of

that product must be in doubt. For without regard for the pain suffered in the West, some developing countries are using their low labour costs

to undercut prices on smaller planes. Embraer of Brazil, now owned by a buyout team including Wasserstein Perella, the New York buyout artists, has unveiled a surprisingly good 50-seat regional jet, the EMB-145. And in Indonesia, IPTN, the state aircraft company, has achieved certification for its 50-seat CN-235 turbo-prop and with orders guaran-

teed from national airlines. Russian manufacturers, too, have the skills, capacity and low labour costs needed to mount a strong challenge in regional aircraft markets, if they can

learn commercial skills.
Picking likely survivors is not easy but there are some favourites. First, Aero International Regional (AIR), a regional nircraft marketing operation formed by BAe and ATR, a Franco-Italian joint venture that builds turboprops in Toulouse, France. AIR is

owned equally by BAe, Aerospatiale, the French state aircraft company, and Alenia, part of state-controlled Finmeccanica. By combining in this way, the partners can share the high cost of sales and support to small aircraft around the world, while intensifying pressure on their independentlyowned assembly companies to reduce costs. But competitiveness and profit-ability will not be achieved overnight. especially at ATR, which is burdened by high social costs and old-fashioned attitudes.

The second likely survivor is Bornbardier, which has proved adept at rationalising former state-owned plants, cutting costs, and using computers for simultaneous design engineering around the world to cut development costs and speed programmes. It could yet pick the bones from the Fokker jet business, slotting the F70/F100 above its own, newly launched 50-seat Canadair jet.

The third survivor is Saab Aircraft as a niche player, thanks to its Saab 2000 high-speed, 58-seat turbo-prop, al-though it might combine with another player.

Further consolidation is inevitable: so is the extension of partnership arrangements. Governments and industry are beginning to acknowledge that developing a 100-seat jet costs little less than building a 400-seater selling for four times the price. If the 100seater is to pay its way, sales volumes must be much higher.

To secure markets, and accommodate Asian industrial ambitions, AIR is now competing against Boeing to partner China and Korea in designing and producing an Asian Express 100-seat jet. For AIR, this would be an opportunity to improve access to the world's fastest-growing aircraft market, replace the Avro range while sharing the \$2 billion development cost, and perhaps to recruit Chinese partners to contribute to developing a new Airbus super-jumbo, the A3XX.

Boeing, which already has Japanese partners on its 777 sub-jumbo, has similar goals. Regional aircraft manufacture is at last becoming a commercial, and international business, governed by the laws of economics. Taxpayers across Europe should heave

# Learning from the successes of the 'Tigers'

Edward Stourton on achieving social

cohesion and economic growth

The area around Shenzhen, the special across Hong Kong's border with China, boasts the fastest economic growth in the world. The millionaires who have built their fortunes on the back of Deng Xiaoping's capitalist experiment cannot leave the country to spend what they have made, so the prices of luxury goods have inflated wildly; a not espe-cially good bottle of brandy costs the equivalent of £900.

The average income in China's poorest agricultural regions can be as low as £100 a year, someone earning that would have to work for nine years without spending to accumulate the cost of a decent drink in Shenzhen.

The existence of such ex-tremes of wealth and poverty within a single nation is a vivid illustration of the dangers of economic growth without social cohesion: there are some China watchers who believe regional economic inequalities could turn the Middle Kingdom into a Bosnia on a monstrous scale. Travelling in

Radio Four series Asia Gold, found the debate about the relationship cial cohesion and economic performance was nommon CUTTERCY throughout the region. It is, of course, dangerous

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to try to relate the Asian experience too closely to our own. But the newly fashionable trend of "Tigerism" - the search for lessons in the :

success of the Asian Tigers

— can be illuminating. Malaysia provides perhaps the best case-study of the Asian model for achieving social cohesion. Its methods may seem extreme. but then so was the challenge it faced. It is a potentially volatile racial mix of Chinese, Indian and native Malay, and there used to be acute economic inequalities between the groups. At the time of the 1060 race riots. the Malays made up more than 50 per cent of the population but owned only 2 per cent of the country's company equity, and average Malay incomes were half those of the other races.

To redress the balance, the Government introduced a programme of wealth redistribution of breathtaking ambition; education, employment and company ownership are all covered by a system of racial quotas. It is social engineering on a grand scale and has been

achieved with little dissent The Malaysians offer that success as an answer to one of the big puzzles in the debate about the economic impact of what have become known as Asian values. Some of the virtues lumped together under that term are obviously economic, it is easy to see why ic growth, and the Asian tradition of thrift is reflected in the high savings rates of many Tiger economies. But why should the Confucian respect for family, community and authority contribute to economic success? Chris Patten, Governor of Hong Kong, points out that not so long ago Confucianism was being blamed for the lack of eco-

nomic progress in East Asia. The Malaysian response is that those values have made it possible to achieve the social cohesion they need to keep growing. Chinese business, with most to lose from positive discrimination, seems to accept it partly because of the cultural tradition that sees the nation as an extension of family and partly because of a

oraematic calculation about the consequences racial

The de-

bate about Asian values is beginning to make the transition from the world of academe to the field of politicai hattle. There those argue that Asia is simply enjoying

a self-confident phase of development and that its values will be eroded as surely as Victorian values have in Britain. Others, like David Howell, the Conservative MP, say that "these societies may not be behind us, catching up and going through what we went through ... they may be societies which are leapfrogging our trials and tribulations ... and going

down another path". The most provocative comment in my investigation came not from Asia but America. Peter Berger, of the Institute for the Study of Economic Culture in Boston. says that in the West's hightech and consumption based economies the values prized in Asia could be positively damaging; that "wastefulness not saving, buying on credit, interest in self-realisation rather than working for one's grandchildren" could be the new economic virtues. "Not", he admitted, "a morally edify-ing vision — but it could be economically functional." Asia Gold. Sunday, Janu-

# Customer is ultimate stakeholder

Tony Blair's

new concept

already has a

clear meaning

in everyday

business, says

Sir Michael

Tony Blair, the Labour. leader, triggered off a new stage in the political debate when he launched his "Stakeholder Society" idea on an unsuspecting nation. Interpretation and reactions varied wildly, as friend and foe alike tried on the new clothes for size - and mostly found that they could be adjusted and trimmed to fit pretty well any political figure from Seventies-style trade unionism

the political centre. A wagon for everyone to hitch his team to, or a complex new theme to be developed and polished over time? Or perhaps just an empty slogan. as most opponents have hastened to charge.
It is dangerous for a politi-

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cally innocent businessman to wander far into the pre-election minefield of controversial social ideas, and I have no intention of doing so. On the other hand, the concept of "stakeholders" has well-defined meaning in business theory, and there may be some value in setting it out in simple terms — at least as seen through the eyes of a practitio-ner of nearly 40 years' experience in one of the world's largest and most successful companies. I leave it to Mr Blair and his friends to draw the parallels - if they see any. As anyone charged with corporate governance will at-

test, the public listed company



tent that it meets and satisfies
— in quantifiable and measured terms - the needs and requirements of a variety of stakeholders. The providers of its resources — shareholders, lenders and employees; the providers of its services - suppliers, agents and distributors, the providers of its context -

society and governments. The company answers those complex but interrelated challenges by one single means by satisfying its customers or consumers with goods or ser-vices which they have agreed to purchase, at a price which demonstrates value added. Its ultimate stakeholder, therefore, is its customer, without whose approval the whole process is meaningless. In a free market economy

like ours, the whole boiling

survives and prospers to the ex- works, because the customer

Perry, left of all our goods and services enjoys unfettered freedom to choose between competing offerings, which are forced by that very fact of choice to vie with each other for customer favour. It is the reality of competition in the marketplace which ensures that the demands of all the other stakeholders - often in harmony, but sometimes sharply in conflict with each other -

remain in balance. On this view, the economy as a whole can be seen as a complex web of interrelated and interdependent business systems, operating in accordance with values, norms and standards for which there is consent by society. That consent may be challenged and, over time, modified by changing ideas, such as, in recent years, by deepening and shifting per-



ceptions of the impact of our actions on the environment. Also the precise nature of social consent may be subject to constant redefinition, but our very system depends on the existence of values, norms and standards which competitive "stakeholding" companies have to satisfy.

There is nothing soft, woolly

or "liberal" about that concept just hard, everyday business reality. The disciplines of competition are very exacting. Within the company itself, these realities apply. Employ-ees of all levels are both resource and stakeholder. As resource, they are subject to all the rigours of competitive reality - their number, their quality, their training, their cost. Their position as stakeholders is dictated by personal

and family necessity, guaran-

teed by the competitive need of the company for their services, and enshrined in the principles and norms of our society. Just to hammer it home, employees are increasingly shareholders too.

As the forces of global competition intensify, the pressure on companies increases both to economise on the number of employees they deploy as a resource, yet to strengthen their long-term commitment and develop their full potential as stakeholders. There are wider consequences for society in terms of longcial exclusion. It is primarily for politicians, not business people to address these prob-lems, which is why stakeholding as a concept can reach beyond the firm.

However, the role of management is clear. Quite simply to maximise the benefit to the whole undertaking of getting the stakeholder balance right. For companies, getting it right is no easier than it is for politicians. And the consequences of getting it wrong can be just as terminal.

Best management practice today sets out to harness all those stakeholder interests in pursuit of the same goal: the securing and retaining of customer preference. In politics, the customer is the voter. Bon chance, Mr Blair.

Sir Michael Perry is the chairman of Unilever

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# Unions welcome CBI backing for higher real pay

TRADE UNION and Labour Party leaders yesterday weicomed the Confederation of British Industry's endorsement of higher real wages and employees having a larger

slice of the country's wealth.
The shift by the confederation may alarm some CBI traditionalists, but the new business line on pay could prove attractive to ministers in the Government's new economic drive, agreed by the

LOOKERS, the motor distri-

bution company, is to buy

Northern Ireland's largest

car dealership group, the Charles Hurst Group, in a

cash and shares deal worth

Hurst represents ten car

manufacturers from a sin-

gle. 15-scre site at Boucher

Road, Belfast. The business

was formerly listed, but was

Lookers, of which Ken

taken private in 1985,

£25.3 million.

promote the return of the "feel-

good" factor. John Monks, TUC General Secretary, led the approval of the shift on pay signalled by Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI, in a speech to personnel managers yester-day, which he said "clearly recognised that a valued, wellmotivated workforce" was good for business. The TUC leader said: "This is the way to promote competitiveness and protect individuals at work."

Martindale is chairman,

plans to raise £10.8 million

from a rights issue of new

shares at 125p each and a

subscription by Hamilton

Finance for 975,000 shares at

144p. Existing shares remained at 144p yesterday.

Hamilton, a subsidiary of

Woodchester Investments,

the Irish-based financial ser-

vices group, owns aimost 30

per cent of Lookers, to fail to 24.4 per cent after the rights issue and an issue of consid-

eration shares to Hurst's

Lookers will use the new

funds to pay a E19.5 million cash consideration for

Hurst, along with bank bor-

rowings of up to £7.4 million. In addition, Lookers is to

sell to Woodchester the assets

of Adelaide, Hurst's finance

business, for £3.4 million.

vendors.

Lookers makes

£25m Ulster deal

By Martin Barrow

In his speech, previewed by The Times yesterday. Mr Turner gave some support to Labour's stakeholder proposals. A senior Labour soure said: "What the director-general is recognising is that economies which grow fastest are those with companies who involve their workers in the future of the company. We have long argued that the route to competitiveness for Britain is not down the road of low wages and cheap labour but of building a workforce with high skills and high

In his speech to an Institute of Personnel and Development conference, Mr Turner said it was not in the economy's interest for employees to continue to be given an ever-smaller slice of the country's wealth. "We must develop a framework giving employees opportunities, prospects and participation in the economy's

success — dare I say a stakeholding," he said. He told the conference in London: "We cannot expect, and would not want, the share of national income given to wages to decline indefinitely. As we achieve sustained economic growth we must accept that average earnings growth will tend to exceed price rises over the long run. This will not be economic suicide, if reward is driven by the right factors; namely sustainable productiv-ity and profitability improvements."

While he was not giving the green light to a pay giveaway, Mr Turner said that Britain could now afford longer-term growth in real wages because the wage-price spiral has been broken in this recovery thanks to greater labour market

Lookers yesterday reported a fall in pre-tax profits to £6.5 The rival Institute of Direcmillion, from £7 million, in the year to September 30. Earnings per share fell to 15.2p (19p). A 5.4p final divi-dend makes 7.9p (7.5p). tors said its position on pay was unchanged: "It's up to the market and employers to decide the level necessary to retain good employees.



### Home front: Ian Homersham, left, and George Pope Mixed fortunes in property market

By MARYIN BARROW

JOHN D WOOD, the residential estate agent, said demand for property in the better streets and squares of central London had lifted prices to a record in the past

But the market fared less well in peripheral areas, where there is more caution and less confidence. In the country business had been restricted by the lack of prop-erty coming on to the market as potential vendors await an uphum in prices. The company, where George Pope and Ian Homersham are ioint chairmen, is holding the interim dividend at 0.75p a share after pre-tax profits fell to £231,000 from £301,000 in the

### Standard Chartered dismisses bid talk

BY PATRICIA TEHAN BANKING CORRESPONDENT

SHARES in Standard Chartered took a tumble yesterday after the bank said that it was

not in bid talks. A brief statement was made in response to a request from the London Stock Exchange. which had become concerned about recent rises in its share

On Friday, the shares rose 5 per cent to 618p and pesterday they hit 66212p, an increase of 1012 p. or 18 per cent, this month, before the announce-

ment sent them back to 638p. Standard Chartered had refused to comment on speculation at the weekend centred on a possible bid from NatWest,

or a German bank. However, in response to the inquiry from the Stock Exchange. Standard Chartered said that it was not aware of any circumstances leading to the recent movement in its

share price. But analysts believe that Standard Chartered remains a bid target. There have also been reports that it is close to a sale of its loss-making Asian

securities business. Last week saw four positive reports from brokers on Stan-dard Chartered. BZW said the bank had growth potential and that its share price could

reach 710p.
It predicted that increased loan volumes, higher margins and tight cost control would contribute to a 16 per cent growth in earnings this year. BZW is forecasting pre-tax profits of £640 million for 1995, up from £510 million in

Malcolm Williamson, Standard Chartered's chief executive, said in a staff note last. November that the board saw the future of the bank as an independent company.

NatWest has refused to comment on the bid rumours. But it has recently stated that its objectives are to build up its investment banking, private banking and UK retail franchise, which, according to analysts, means that Standard Chartered is not a logical choice.

# PUSINESS ROUNCUE 2 - 2 Surge in bad debts

hits bank profits NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK, which owns the Yorkshire Bank, Clydesdale Bank and Northern Bank, yesterday blamed a deteriorating economic climate in Britain for a surge in had debts. Unveiling a fall in profits from its UK and Irish banking activities from A\$91 million (£44.2 million) to A\$79 million for the first quarter of the year to December, the bank said that it had been forced to raise its provisions for bad debts at the Yorkshire Bank

had debts at the Yorkshire Bank. National Australia Bank, which has made no secret of its desire to make further acquisitions in the UK, particularly southern England, however pushed up its overall net profits 11.8 per cent to A\$513 million, helped by a first-time contribu-tion from Michigan National Bank, its new US acquisition. Don Argus, managing director, said that activity was slowing in all of the economies in which the bank operated.

### Tate & Lyle ahead

TATE & LYLE, the sugar producer, said yesterday it sees first-quarter profits "modestly above" last year's for the same period and in line with its own expectations. This would be in period and in line with its own expectations. This would be in spite of a decline at Staley, its US subsidiary. The impact on earnings will be mitigated by the hedging position taken on maize and further cost reductions. Tate & Lyle said. Group pre-tax profits for the first half of the current financial year are expected to be ahead of last year, when they were £152.8 million. The company's shares fell 8p to 463p.

Witan advances WITAN, the investment trust managed by Henderson Touche Remnant, saw a 15.5 per cent rise in net asset value per share. to 290.8p, in the year to December 31. Earnings per share were 1.65 per cent up, at 6.76p. The dividend for the year rises from 6.1p to 6.45p, with a final payment of 3.5p due on March 14. With the said its long-term policy was to invest in a diversified international portfolio. It said that there is no reason to think that markets are about to collapse, and predicted that, as long as earnings continue to impress, markets will climb higher.

**Tugendhat for Circle** LORD TUGENDHAT is to be the next chairman of Blue Circle Industries, the construction materials company. He will succeed Sir Peter Walters, who is to retire after the company's annual meeting, on May 22. Lord Tugendhat, who yesterday joined the board of Blue Circle as non-executive director. remains chairman of Abbey National and a non-executive director of The BOC Group and Eurotunnel. He was chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority for five years and is a former

### **Charity funds recover**

vice-president of the European Commission.

UK charity funds achieved a total return of 19 per cent in 1995, recovering strongly from a poor showing in 1994, when they recorded a negative return of -5 per cent. The WM Company's preliminary survey of UK charity fund performance said that, over a five-year period, returns averaged 15 per cent a year, against retail price inflation of about 3 per cent. Over a text text was recovered to be about 5 per cent. ten-year period, charity funds have beaten inflation by about 8 per cent a year. The average UK charity yield was about 5 per cent in 1995, slightly up on 1994.

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Dated 22n January 1996

A.J. Katz, Liquidator

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### Law Report January 26 1996 Court of Appeal

# Taxing solicitors' costs in legal aid

Lv L (Legal Aid Taxation) Before Lord Justice Neill. Lord Justice Aldous and Sir John Balcombe

Dudgment January 241 it was not appropriate in a taxation of legal aid costs under Order 62 of the Rules of the Supreme Court to fix the solicitors' direct costs artiinflating the amount for general care and conduct so as to arrive at

a fair total. The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal brought by the plaintiff's solicitors against the decision of Mr Justice Cazalet (The Times January 29, 1993; [1994] 2 assessor, he confirmed a taxation of costs conducted by Mr District Judge Segal.

The fact the judge had with only

one assessor was not a matter to which objection was taken and was a regulatory failure which did not nullily the proceedings. Mr Kenneth Craig for the solicitors; the Legal Aid Board did not

appear and was not represented. LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that in March 1990 Mrs L instructed the solicitors in wardship

granted. The solicitors carried out various work and in due course lodged a bill of costs for taxation under regulation 107 of the Civil Legal Aid (General) Regulations (SI 1989 No 339) and Order 62, rule

The bill claimed £60 an hour for a partner and £50 an hour for a legal executive. The district judge allowed £45 and £30 respective In accordance with Order 62, rule 33 the solicitors applied for a review and lodged objections to the hourly charging rate. The district judge upheld his earlier decision.

The matter had first come to the Court of Appeal in February 1994 but it was adjourned to enable the Lord Chancellor's Department or the Legal Aid Board to be represented. In the event neither wished

Their Lordships had been referred to a number of cases which appeared to establish the following: l Solicitors' remuneration was

made up of two elements: (i) an hourly rate which represented the broad average direct costs and (ii) a percentage mark-up for care and conduct: In re Eastwood; Lloyds

112); Leopold Lazarus Ltd v Secretary of State for Trade and Industry (The Times April 7, 1976); R v Wilkinson (1980) I WLR 396) and Johnson v Read Corrugated Cases Ltd (1992) 1 All ER 169). 2 The broad average direct costs

were assessed by reference to Johnson (st pi77). 3 The relevant time was the time at which the work was done and no account was to be taken of 4 The district judge could draw on

his own information as well as surveys. The value of the latter was recognised in KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock v HLT Group Led ([1995] 2 All ER 1801 and in In re A Company (No 004081 of 1989) (1995) 2 All ER 155). An artificial inflationary figure

should not be used to correct inadequate hourly rates: see Loveday v Renton (No 2) (1992) 3 All ER 184) and Brush v Bower All Ek 184] and Brish v Bower Cotton & Cotton (a Firm) (1993) 1 WLR 1325). Accordingly, the appropriate hourly rate was the actual rate.

His Lordship would endorse

place at the forefront the opening words of Order 62, rule (2. The reason the words "reasonable amount" were used was because it was necessary to assess the work of a hypothetical solicitor by looking at the costs incurred by other solicitors in the same area

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The taxing master could take account of all relevant information, including his knowledge of the costs of other solicitors, the costs allowed to other solicitors and the results of surveys. in the present case, Mr Craig

submitted that the judge had fallen into error by correcting an improp-erly depressed figure at the first stage of the laxation to justify an excessive mark-up.

His Lordship found there was force in counsel's submissions. Too much importance had been attached to the average figure allowed in the pest. Accordingly. his Lordship would order that the reasonable costs in the present case were those which had been

originally claimed. Lord Justice Aldous delivered a concurring judgment and Sir John Balcombe agreed. Solicitors: Baden Barnes Groves

# EU right of residence has economic base

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Exp parte Vitale

Maastricht Treaty, provides: "(i) Every cirizen of the union shall have the right to move and reside for the Home Department, Ex parte Vitale Before Lord Justice Staughton. Lord Justice Ward and Sir Ralph

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Citizens of member states of the European Union did not have an unqualified right of residence in any other member state as a result of article 8a of the EC Treaty, as inserted by article G.C of the Treaty on European Union (1902 OJ C234).

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing Vittorio Vitale's appeal against the refusal of Mr Justice Judge in the Queen's Bench Division (The Times April 18, 1995) to quash the decision of the Secretary of State for the Home Department in February 1994 that he was not lawfully resident in the United Kingdom.

The appellant was a citizen of Italy who entered the UK in June 1993. He received income support after claiming that he was seeking work

The secretary of state had informed the appellant that as he was not seeking work with a genuine chance of obtaining it, he was in the UK in a non-economic capacity and had become a burden on public funds and was therefore not lawfully resident in the UK under European law and should make arrangements to leave the was to end the appellant's right to

income support. Article & of the EC Treaty, as amended by article G.C of the Treaty on European Union, the member states, subject to the limitations and conditions laid down in this treaty and by the measures adopted to give it effect." Mr Peter Duffy and Mr Paul Stanley for the appellant: Mr Richard Plender, QC, for the

LORD JUSTICE STAUGH-TON, giving the judgment of the court, said that the issue was whether the Maastricht Treaty conferred a directly effective right to reside in the United Kingdom even when the appellant was neither employed nor seeking work with genuine prospects of obtaining it and when he did not have sufficient resources to avoid becoming a burden on the social assistance system of the UK during the period of his residence.

The EC Treaty had had connomic unity as its purpose. Accordingly a right of residence was originally granted only to the economically active nationals of member states under articles 48 (freedom of movement for work). SQ (freedom of establishment of business) and 59 (freedom provision of services).

The extent of the right of residence under article 48 was considered in R v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Antonissen (Case C-292/89) (The Times Fabruary 27, 1991; [1991] ECR 1-745).

The Court of Justice of the European Communities there held that it was not contrary to Com-munity law for the legislation of a

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member state to provide that a national of another member state who entered the first state in order to seek employment could be required to leave that state if he had not found employment there after six months unless he pro-vided evidence that he was continuing to seek employment and that he had genuine chances of being

If that case was still good law, Mr Vitale could not challenge the lawfulness of the secretary of state's decision to require him to

The Maastricht Treaty had made numerous and far-reaching amendments to the EC Treaty Vir Duffy submitted that article 8 had conferred a free standing directly could not be limited by the domestic law of the bost state in the way which found approval in

Antonissen. Mr Justice Judge had rejected those submissions and in the court's judgment he was right to do so. The citizen's right to move and reside freely was expressly made subject to the limitations and conditions laid down in the Treaty and by the measures adopted to

give it effect. Article 48, as it had been interpreted by the European Court of Justice, did limit the right of residence of the national who was seeking work in another state. Mr Vitale had entered as a worker and his rights to work and to remain here for work were governed by article 48 and the limitations

If it had been intended to sweep aside the limitations upheld in Antonissen and to confer a general

ing in place only the limitations expressly referred to in article 48(3) which could be justified on the grounds of public policy, public security and public health, then it would have been necessary to have made that explicit by amendment of article 48.

In the court's judgment, there was no room for any argument that Antonissen was no longer good law and that the issue now required reconsideration by the European Court of Justice.

It seemed equally clear that article 8a could not be taken to have replaced Council Directives 90/364, 90/365 and 90/366 (1990 OJ Lla0/25, 28 and 30).

Each of those directives was a measure adopted to give effect to the Treaty and each of them contained the limitation on the right of residence that the visiting national should not become a burden on the social assistance system of the host member state-The right of residence conferred by article 8a was, therefore still

subject to that limitation. As for the submission that all nationals now had a general right of residence by virtue of article Sa. that seemed to ignore the plain words that the article 8a right of residence was made subject to the limitations and conditions contrained in measures such as those directives.

In the court's judgment, there was at the moment no unqualified right of residence of the kind claimed by the appellant.

Solicitors: Mr Robert Noden. North Kensington; Treasury

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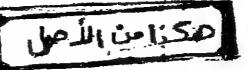
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**THEATRE** 

Paws for applause: what qualities have made Cats the longest-running musical in the West End or New York?



■ MUSIC 1

On the South Bank the Emerson Quartet begin their Beethoven quartet cycle in superlative form





■ MUSIC 2

... while the German maestro Christoph von Dohnányi brings out the best in the Philharmonia

an there be a leaner.

the experience as nervous

Now the Americans have come to London to play all the

Beethoven quartets in ten days

- a comparative dawdle. But

any illusion that the cycle will

be a relaxed and urbane affair

can be swiftly dispelled. This is

Beethoven taken far beyond

the comfort zone: audacious in

spirit and in technical display.

It is Beethoven recast for our

fraught and fractious century.

In short, it is Beethoven played

And it is utterly gripping, at

least in the urgent, young-

man-in-a-hurry world of the carry quarters. How the Emer-sons think their way into the

wrecks.

like Bartok.



OPERA

At Scottish Opera, exciting young talent flourishes in a fine performance of La traviata

# Who's a clever kitty then?



Nine out of ten audiences prefer whiskers: the cast of Cats celebrate 6,138 performances on Monday. Worldwide box-office takings exceed £1 billion

THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale explains the appeal of Cats, the world's longest-running musical

xpect the assembled tabbies and alley-cats to do zoologically improbable things at the New London Theatre at about 10.30 on Monday night. Rumour says that the cast of Cats will launch into a hit number from A Chorus Line, maybe wearing spangled toppers above their stripy, pointed ears, maybe not. Either way, inc gesture of respect to a rival that has succumbed to the inexorable tramp of endless paws. Monday is when An-Blessed's Deuteronomy telling us drew Lloyd Webber's tribute to the feline classes overtakes from inside his ludicrous grey fuzz, "There is a Michael Bennett's celebration of showbiz as the longestbomb". running musical in the history of either the West End or was not and there was. The

Broadway. It is a phenomenon that delies belief. It would be less preposterous to cast Pavarotti as Pooh and ask him to pitch. into A. A. Milne's hums about honey. After all, the tenor's fans would follow him were he dressed as a teddy bear, Fungus the Bogeyman or Fer-dinand the Bull. Certainly, it is hard to think of an idea more likely to fail than that of putting a lot of British dancers and singers into mossie outfits and getting them to prance about a rubbish dump emit-ting snippets of T.S. Eliot. How could Cats run ten performances, let alone 6,138

Much was against it on that first night back in May 1981. Judi Dench had withdrawn as Grizabella the Glamour Cat after snapping her Achilles

ne hesitates to plunge into the "star is born"

routine lest sharks

move in to snatch rising talent

away from our beleaguered.

low-paying national com-

panies, but there is no denying

that this revival of Traviata confirms the blossoming of

Claire Rutter as a hugely

her make so thrilling an impact on Wednesday. Rich-

ard Armstrong's conducting

was free of the smallest whiff

was through his brisk, strong-

of small sentiment; indeed, it

rhythmed, fiercely accented reading that real feeling emerged. There was no Mills

& Boonery: instead genuinely

Verdian anger at a young spirit crushed, a young life

wasted. And Armstrong insisted, via a splendidly combative

ing the score complete, ignor-ing usual cuts and "improve-

ments to the orchestration.

This makes a great difference,

especially in the traditionally

hacked-about final act, which becomes the true climax of the

drama rather than a doleful,

somewhat apologetic appen-

It was here that Rutter came

into her own, not that there

dage to the main action.

E programme note, on perform-

First, the setting that helped

gifted young soprano.

tendon, and Elaine Paige had taken her place at virtually no notice. Only during the pre-views had all the finance for the show been found, and even then technical troubles had threatened to delay or even ne snow. A no halted the curtain cail. "Please leave now," I recall Brian

> 6 Much was against it on that first night back in May 1981 9

A great voice in early bloom

Real Verdian anger. Paul Charles Clarke, Claire Rutter

OPERA

La Traviata

Theatre Royal,

Glasgow

Her soprano is big, bright and athletic - heavier Verdi than

this is only just over the horizon — and it is always

exciting to hear so healthy an

instrument perfectly capable

of handling the coloratura of

bang. Legend says we collectively slated the show for such ... more? Good marketing - that obvious disadvantages as a near-total lack of plot, but legend is wrong. We critics variously declared it exhilarating, the cat's pyjamas, breathtaking, unmissable and (The Sunday Telegraph in donnish mode) euphoniously eclectic Even I, who have sometimes written ungenerously of Lloyd Webber, called his music "vigorous, inventive, even delightful".

So it remains, nearly 15 years after the event. Paige may no longer be moothing about in her antique Harrods

Well, there

reviewers more than made up for

don's failure to

pelt or being airlifted Close Encounters-style to a reincar-nation in the flies; but Josie Walker, the present Grizabella, finds the same elegiac sweetness in Memory. The rest of the cast is well up to kers, fur and other such feline requirements. Gus the The-

atre Cat still mourns the days with living and Tree. Bustonher Jones tubbily roams Pall Mail, Mr Mistoffeles spins and twirls, and Macavity is and is not there. But what is the reason they have ten, 20 lives and

look like enjoying several yellow-eyed logo on ads and T-shirts — cannot explain why the show has been seen by more than seven million people in London alone. Sentimental attachment to pets cannot explain why it has triumphed even in countries where our furry friends end up in stews. There is no clear reason why Cats should have succeeded at all, let alone taken more than El billion in theatres from Seoul to Helsin-

ki to Wichita, Kansas, Could it be the combination of Gillian Lynne's whizzing

were thrown off with ease, and

all the notes, even the unwrit-

ten high E flat, were securely in the voice. Even better, she

made the virtuoso writing

mean something dramatically: the reinforced, sforzato Cs

at the end of Sempre libera

spoke vividly of the character's

In the gentler second act she

spun long, seamless lines, her

tone affectingly pliant when

not under pressure, and in the

third she used both verses of

Addin del passato and the full

version of the duet to bring a

mental turmoil.

choreography, Trevor Numn's skilful exploitation of John Napier's tyre-and-tin set, and Lloyd Webber's affable harmonies? Cats darting among spectators sitting amid the debris add to the informal, TOURIT-UTCAUT counterpart of the RSC's Nicholas Nickelby orchestrated by Puccini and allowed to frolic in your back yard one nice, moonlit night. Those are the influences, that is the atmosphere. Perhaps they are enough to persuade Henry to talk about Cats to Jane, Jane to recommend it to Kevin and

Tracy - and so to the frenzied

pyramid-ticketing that still

continues.

sons, Cats can make fewer tongue-in-cheek claims than those in the pub licity burnf: the 31.875 headache pills swallowed by the New London box-office staff: the 2813 miles of cotton used repairing costumes; the terrifying fact that, if you laid end to end all the times Memory has been played by American radio stations, you would have eight years of easy listening ahead of you.

The show has clearly touched myriads who never normally visit the theatre. Not least, it took the British musical over the ramparts of Broadway and into the once-

her Violetta: the anger and

frustration of Gran Dio!

Morir si giovane, sung with

white-hot passion, was nigh

unbearable to witness. She is,

as yet, relatively inexperienced

on stage, but there was a

complete lack of artifice to her

performance and a directness

of expression that were far

more stirring than any amount of technical trickery.

She could not have wished

for a more supportive Alfredo than Paul Charles Clarke, in

more mellifluous voice than when he sang the role for

WNO last year and bringing

fresh musical insights through

imaginative phrasing and va-

riety of dynamics. He "lives" the role with alarming verisi-

militude. René Massis was the

experienced Germont, decent-

ly sung, played perhaps too blackly. The seven-year-old

Nuria Espert production, now

in the care of Peter Watson,

will do, but the casting of

small yet important roles such

as Amina, the Doctor and the

Marquess is difficult now that

companies can no longer maintain permanent ensem-bles. No criticism of the young

singers here, but to flesh out

these characters fully it helps

RODNEY MUNES

to have been around a bit.

impregnable keep it has occu-

pied ever since. True, Jesus Christ Superstar and Evita preceded it, but was Cats that made the great American breakthrough. Nearly 14 years after its opening, the Broadway production is still packing out the Winter Gardens and may end up claiming the long-run record from the London original. Who says lunatic enter prise and preposterous chutzpah are never rewarded?

### tenser sound in all music than that of the Emerson Quartet ripping into Beethoven? The answer is probably yes: try this fearsome foursome ripping into Bartok. In Turin recently the Emer-sons played all six Bartok quartets in one concert. Part of me longs to have been there; the other doesn't. I can imagine listeners emerging from

CONCERTS: Beethoven in quartet and orchestral form

Emerson Quartet Oueen Elizabeth Hall

metaphysical mysteries of the late masterpieces will only emerge next week - but it certainly won't be dull.

The intensity never slackens, even in as famously expressive a slow movement as the Adagio molto e mesto of Op 59. No 1, which followed Op 18 Nos 3 and 1 on Wednesday, Indeed, that interpretation was so powerful because it seemed like an extension, not a relaxation, of the stressful and questing first movement, and the stabbing traumas of the scherzo. But then, intensity is a built-

renowned technical ferocity. This is not a quartet that basks. Narcissus-like, in its beautiful sound, Beauty doesn't much come into it. The Adagio affettuoso of Op 18 No !, for instance, was stripped of all potential for sentimentality and left stark and bleak: a vision of a wasteland.

in element of the Emersons

Rather, the Emersons' characteristics — superbly dis-played in the freneric scherzon of Op 18 — are needle-sharp articulation, stinging accents. wonderful changes of timbre that have the effect of highlighting Beethoven's crazier key-changes, a stunning clarity of texture, and a telepathic rapport that allows the trickiest variations in pace or phrasing to be executed unanimously. Perhaps most important of all, the Emersons have the capacity to think big. to relish the orchestral dimension in these quartets and their epic emotional demands. The series continues tonight; don't

RICHARD MORRISON

### The wood and the trees

makes two appearances with the Philharmonia Orchestra this week, and the first concert on Wednesday brought reminders of his special qualities. Contrasting works by Schoen-berg, Mozart and Beethoven were all stamped with individuality, yet in all three he displayed the same meticulous attention to texture while never allowing small detail to obscure his broad view of the

musical forms. Dohnányi was thwarted only by the dull playing of Emanuel Ax in Mozart's A major Piano Concerto, K488. Elsewhere, however, the orchestra, of which he is principal guest conductor, was alert responsive to his

demands. Indeed, he was splendidly served by the 15 players with whom he opened the concert in Schoenberg's Chamber Philharmonia/ Dohnányi Festival Hall

sounded misleadingly effortless, but this ease of expression was not achieved at the expense of its organised, coherent structure.

Sections of rapt lyricism contrasted with others of tenderness and vigorous, nervous energy - the vital ingredients this key work Schoenberg's output (1906) that finds the composer metamorphosing, from a late-Romantic into an Expressionist.

While the Emerson Quartet was beginning its Beethoven cycle next door (reviewed above), the composer was also dominating proceedings in the Festival Hall. For this performance of the Seventh Symphony, Dohnányi favoureď a large Symphony No i. The piece orchestra that crowded the

platform, but there was nothing stodgy about his newly inspiring account of the music.

The slow opening was stormy and full of tension that erupted in the ensuing Vivace. The middle movements were carefully shaped and controlled, and the finale driven with brio to an exultant close.

There was little of the same spark in the evening's performance of the Mozart. Dohnanyi set a gentle pace at the start and drew refined accompaniments from the orchestra, but Ax was a stubborn soloist, in places heavyhanded — heavy-pedalled in the blurry cadenza - and lacking anything more than generalised Mozartian grace.

The Adagio took time to work its ethereal magic. Orchestral attack in the finale was excellent - but outstripping the soloist's brilliance is



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# Joan Osborne has gone from bluegrass country to R&B heaven, says David Sinclair A cowgirl gets the blues

he has been nominated for five Grammies. is at No 6 in the American chart and going up. Her face will soon be on the cover of Rolling Stone. For most people in Britain the question is still "Joan who?", but not for

"It is a bit scary," Joan Osborne says, referring to the speed with which her career has taken off. "I was invited to sing with Stevie Wonder at the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame not long ago, which was really frightening. Then I got chased by photographers afterwards. That sort of thing makes me feel as if I've stepped into someone else's life and any minute now I'm going to get

kicked out again. On the day One of Us was released here, Osborne played a set at the 275-capacity Borderline club in London's West End. Only about 50 tickets actually reached the hands of the general public - leaving a queue of long faces outside, while inside there was the highest concentration of record company personnel and media tastemakers assembled for a gig since Black Grape played their London

Clearly in her element, Osborne and her four-piece band rattled through most of the songs on her forthcoming album, Relish. With a voice steeped in the traditions of blues and R&B, together with an unusual touch of the Appalachian hillbilly country/gospel style of singing that once thrived in her Kentucky homeland, she roamed a stylistic territory somewhere between the best mainstream American rock and the most accessible boundaries of Southern roots music. From the pensive narrative of Pensacola to the funky rhythmic interplay of Spider Web and the pounding, skipped-beat swagger of Right Hand Man ("If he can" fix it. I don't know who can"), she demonstrated a command of melody and mood that most rock singers with twice her

experience would covet.

A tall woman with long. flaxen curis and a fresh complexion, her look is more girlnext-door than rock n'roll martia, save for the slightly incongruous presence of a small gold ring through her nose. "It hasn't healed properly." she says. "I'm a bit embarrassed by it. I used to live near a lot of Indian shops and businesses in the East Village [of New York] and I was fascinated by the women and the fashions so I just that there are women getting thought I'd have it done. I'm a good and pissed off when rock in roll singer. I don't

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Blue but not seeing red: Joan Osborne - "Anger is not the wellspring of my work"

anything." This is true. But although clearly her own woman, Osborne has little of the sassy bravado that has become the norm among the new breed of female American rock 'n' roll stars. She dresses sensibly, does not stamp or swear and is not on a righteous mission to wreak havoc or revenge. Even her name stands out as strikingly ordinary compared to the likes of Liz Phair, Tori Amos and Alanis Morissette. "I find it really inspiring

You didn't see a lot of that until the past five years or so. else. The blues and R&B tradition encompasses a certain amount of anger, but

Born 33 years ago in the small town of Anchorage. Kentucky, Osborne's upbringing gave her little cause to feel angry or alienated. One of six children, she remembers it as a place with lots of woods and horse trails, where everybody

. was really an idyllic place to

She listened with a keen ear to the local black radio stations, but the idea of being a singer never occurred to her until she went to New York University to take a course in documentary film making.

There she started listening to the music of the blues and soul greats - Etta James, Muddy Waters, Otis Redding, ike and Tina Turner - and, after taking the stage on a whim on an "open mike" night at one of the local blues clubs. she began to perform in

After several years of singing cover versions in no-name bars, she recorded Soul Show, a live album of original material which she released on her own Womanly Hips label in 1991: In 1994, she put out a three-song EP, Blue Million Miles, but the breakthrough came with Relish, the album that has already sold a million copies in America.

Written for the most part in conjunction with its producer, Rick Chertoff, along with Eric Bazilian and Rob Hyman of the Hooters, Relish all but reinvents the notion of classic rock. One of the album's most distinctive features is the spiritual dimension which informs the lyrics of songs such as St Teresa and One of Us.

Osborne was brought up a Catholic, and while she is

6 It's scary — I feel as if I've stepped into someone else's life ?

deeply opposed to the Church's attitude to women and homosexuals, she recognises the influence that organised religion has had on her work. "As a child I was attracted to the drama of the incense and the stained-glass windows and the Stations of the Cross around the church and that whole mystical aspect of it. I guess I still am."

She is no puritum (check the lascivious humour of Let's just get Naked), but many of her songs do speak to an understanding of the world that goes beyond the temporal, in this, her music resembles that of Van Morrison, another of her early influences.

"Most people are somewhat aware of a spiritual side to think it's a choice of either you go to church or you don't have any spiritual side at all. I think there are a lot of ways to express that, even if it's just a case of being conscious of the miraculous nature of life itself. It's just something that I think about. Music makes me feel connected with something larger than myself."

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Assembled on one disc for the benefit of his new young fans: the 'best' of **Burt Bacharach** 





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Strange brew: epic doses of 'post-rock' make up Tortoise's album Millions Now Living Will Never Die

# Your mother should know

VARIOUS ARTISTS
The Look of Love — The Classic Songs of Burt Bacharach (Polygram TV 535 190) SO, THE word on the street is

that easy-listening is hip, and cheesy is chic. In a bizarre turn of events, the melodically impoverished children of the techno generation have apparently taken a shine to the music of their grandparents. Forget Moby and the Chemi-cal Brothers; Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra and Matt Monro are the "new" names to drop. Call me old-fashioned. but it was in order to avoid these people that I started listening to pop music in the

Now comes The Look of Love, a compilation of songs written by two of the biggest cheeses of them all, Burt Bacharach and Hal David falthough David's contribution seems to have been quietly airbrushed out of the new Bacharach mythology). And just because I can hum virtually every tune on the album does not mean I wish to hear any of them again now.

Still, here, on one handy disc are the songs that have driven lift engineers and supermarket staff to distraction for 30 years or more: The Look of Love, Do You Know the Way to San José, Raindrops Keep Fallin' on my Head, Trains and Boats and Planes, Alfie, I'll Never Fall in Love Again, You'll Never Get to Heaven (If you Break my Heart) and many more.

Although these are the original recordings by the stars who made them hits in the first place — Dusty Spring-field, Dionne Warwick, B.J. Thomas, Billy J. Kramer, Cilla Black, Bobby Gentry, the Stylistics and all the rest — the assaults which these song have suffered nightly in cocktail lounges and karaoke bars the world over have inevitably taken their toll.

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GENE To See the Lights (Costermonger GENE2) THEY have put a brave face on it, but after all the big talk at the time. Gene must surely have been disappointed that last year's debut album,

**NEW ALBUMS:** Burt Bacharach's

cheese is a hit again with the kids, but not with **David Sinclair** 

Olympian, failed to put them in the front rank of the Britpop

Perhaps fearful of losing momentum while work pro-ceeds on the follow-up, they now release To See the Lights. a stopgap collection of deleted singles, B-sides, radio sessions and dodgy live recordings of the kind that most acts only get around to assembling after they have split up.

At their best, as on the dreamy (and much soughtafter) first single For the Dead, or the more upbeat Sick, Sober & Sorry, they elegantly combine the melancholy wit of the Smiths with the jaunty guitar sound of the Faces. At their worst, as on a live version of the Bacharach and David song I Say a Little Prayer for You, they sound like any old bar band with a

less than average singer.

Committed fans will enjoy poring over this stuff for now. But, to get any further. Gene will need to achieve a lot more consistency and originality with the next batch of material, if and when it comes.

ROCKET FROM THE CRYPT Scream, Dracula, Scream! (Elemental ELM34)

RECENTLY; most American punk has been suspiciously well-tailored for the teen marketplace. But despite their cartoonish qualities and a brazen commitment to entertain, Rocket From the Crypt are the real deal. A six-man group from San

Diego boasting a horn section and led by a singer and guitarist called Speedo, they have distilled a super-propulsive sound from a range of influences, most obviously Iggy Pop, the Clash and Graham Parker and the Rumour. Exploding out of the traps like a rodeo buil, Scream, Dracula, Scream! begins with a swift, one-minute burst of yobbo chanting called Middle, followed immediately by the hurling battlerry of Born In '69 with its flagship chorus: "I want it, (Whoah, yeah) I need it (Whoah, yeah), I'll steal it (Alrigh!")."

With nothing remotely re-sembling a ballad or slow song in sight, the album maintains its ballistic trajectory, delivering a barrage of thrusting riffs and exhibitarat-ing choruses before arriving, breathless but unbowed, at its finishing point 14 tracks and 43 minutes later. It's a glori-ously vital, noisy and clever piece of work, and not a Bacharach song in sight.

TORTOISE Millions Now Living Will Never Die

(City Slang EFA 04972) THE "post-rock" conceptualist ensemble from Chicago, Tortoise, do not travel on the fast track. Exhibiting a lofty disregard for conventional song structures, their wholly instrumental second album kicks off with Djed, a 20-minute wander round the houses that takes in elements of Kraftwerk, dub-techno and systems music.

On the more conventionalsounding Glass Museum and The Taut and Tame they negotiate the sort of grandiose themes and tricky time signatures that have exercised the talents of progressive-rock bands from King Crimson to Ozric Tentacles, while Along the Banks of Rivers is a contrastingly simple excursion into the pop-noir world of

trip-hop twang.

Their willingness to stretch and shape their music across unlikely boundaries is laudable, and produces many isolated flashes of inspiration. But the albam sounds patch and suffers from a rather

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### **These** boys can play

John Hammond **Duke Robillard** Borderline, WC2

THERE have been enough histories of the blues written to fill a small library. John Hammond and fellow American guitarist Duke Robillard provided their own with a set which took a capacity audience from the Mississippi Delta to urban Chicago.

Hammond, as befits an artist whose father booked Robert Johnson for Carnegie Hall (death, alas, intervened) supplied the first chapter with a solo accustic set. His heartfelt, sometimes eerie vocals and stinging bottleneck guitar conjured up a style of prewar blues most of us only know from record.

In contrast, chapter two courtesy of Robillard, sax man Gordon Beadle and acoustic bass-player Marty Ballou plunged the audience straight into the juke joints of Texas and Los Angeles with the music of Joe Turner, B.B. King and Robillard's personal hero, T-Bone Walker. Technically superb. Robillard played with a swing and a restraint too often lacking in blues performers.
The final chapter had Ham-

mond joining Robitlard on stage for the Jimmy Reed title track of Hammond's new album. Found Love, plus a joyful tribute to two founding fathers of rock'n'roll: Bo Diddley's Diddley Daddy and a song Hammond confessed he had been playing for ever. Chuck Berry's Nadine.

Can white men play the blues? Hammond and Robillard did - and won by a more

JOHN CLARKE

# Carapace at the gates of dawn

ortoise are very, very strange. The twitching, L pulsing signature changes that made Carla Bley's Escalator over the Hill and John Coltrane's most spaced-out. arhythmic wailings so compulsive are the under-carriage for lonely synthesizers and what sounds like food-mixer being kicked down a flight of stairs.

There's nothing so crass as tunes or vocals; just endless, 16-second symphonies strung together haphazardly, like those junk-jewellery necklaces your mother would let you make with the contents of her button box and a length of twine. Think of the shock you received when first listening to My Bloody Valentine or Bark Psychosis. This, like theirs, is music that sounds as if it's emanating from the body. rather than through an amp or microphone swirls of adrenalin, weird gurgling di-gestive sounds and the heart beating constantly away, like a fuzzy. distorted bass-drum. This is definitely, defiantly not

Of course, the problem with these arty, prog-jazz experimental musicians is that they are unterly struck dumb by their muses, and find stringing a sentence together very difficult. Johnny, the keyboard player, drummer and vibraphone master of Tortoise, is trying to explain their second album, Millions Living Now Will Never Die, and the ethos behind the floating membership of the band.

For me, it's like being sucked back into the dark days of shoe-gazing - 15 bands and not a quote between them. Take a simple, ordinary. standard interview question

like: "What would you do if Torioise become the centre of a huge bidding war, and you were eventually signed to EMI for \$1 million? What would you spend the money on? "Well," Johnny ponders. "I

Tortoise don't write tunes or sing songs. Instead, they make me cry



Tortoise, the band that likes to say: "Experiment"

don't think that will happen. We're kinda too weird." No. but imagine. Pretend. "Well, I think we're too

uncommercial for They'd never sign us.' It's a hypothetical question. Just pretend. Like a dream. "Well, they just wouldn't."

Please. Fantasise. "Well, if I, like, won a million or something, then I guess I'd, uh, give some to my parents. and buy a new snare drum ... or maybe some record-

ing equipment."

It's only when we start discussing technical things that Johnny springs to life. Like all avant-gardists, the possibilities of the recording studio turn him on in the way Rolls-Royces and eyebrow-gel

get to Noel Gallagher. We're talking about the weird, 20second sections between songs that sound exactly like someone's put a bacon sandwich in the CD player and it's about to explode. "That's ac-

cidental, Johnny effervesces. "We didn't know how to link the tracks, and we had maybe three dozen four-inch pieces of tape on the studio floor, and we stuck them all together and it sounded like a lightening-ball had hit

CAITLIN **MORAN** the mixing desk — the kind of sound you could only find by accident. That's one of the things

> be accidental, and things should be educational." What, you have little pubquizzes about Charlie Mingus

about Tortoise: things should

and hi-hats and so on? "No educational in that we all learn through Tortoise: learn to master our instruments. open up music to mean something entirely different from what is expected.

Alani Morissette (Maverick) Michael Ball (Columbia)

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..Cast (Polydor)

Yknow, we're all from Chicago, and it's real hard to find unusual music there. It's different here in England; you go walking down the street and you trip over drum'n bass. reggae, dub, roots ... And there's a lot of cross-pollination and breeding of hybrids within the music.

"In America you would never have had drum'n bass invented - those who are into reggae go to reggae clubs, and those into break-beat stay in their break-beat clubs. There would never have been a fusion of the two styles."

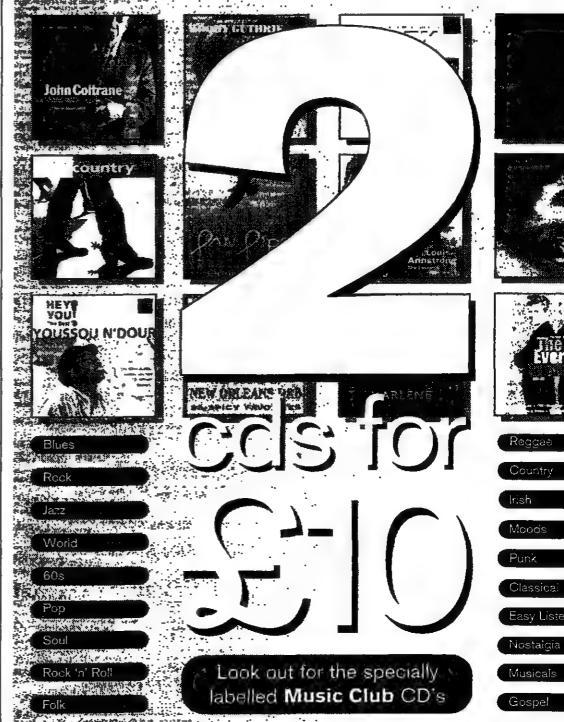
And it's with fusion that Tortoise really come into their own. Along the Banks of Rivers, the last track on Tortoise's new album, drifts through Pink Floyd, Miles Davis's Kind of Blue and Talk Talk's Spirit of Eden before collapsing under its own weight and quietly fading out

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To celebrate its shivering gorgeousness, l attempt one last, light-hearted question. Why did you choose the album title Millions Living Now Will Never Die - is it a statement about the immortality that musicians enjoy?

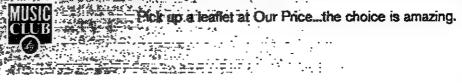
Seventh Day Adventist slogan from the Thirties — something to do with the Apocalypse." So it's nothing to do with the feeling that, with the racked splendour of this album, Tor-

toise will live forever? Well no, we're all going to die sometime, obviously. Everyone dies."



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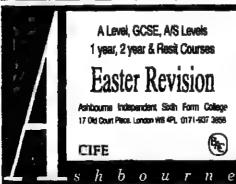
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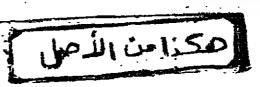
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# **EDUCATION**

What the Harriet Harman row tells us about education policy — and why another parent echoes her decision

# Enough to try the patience of St Olave

It is time to stop shouting and

address real issues, says

### **Denis MacShane**

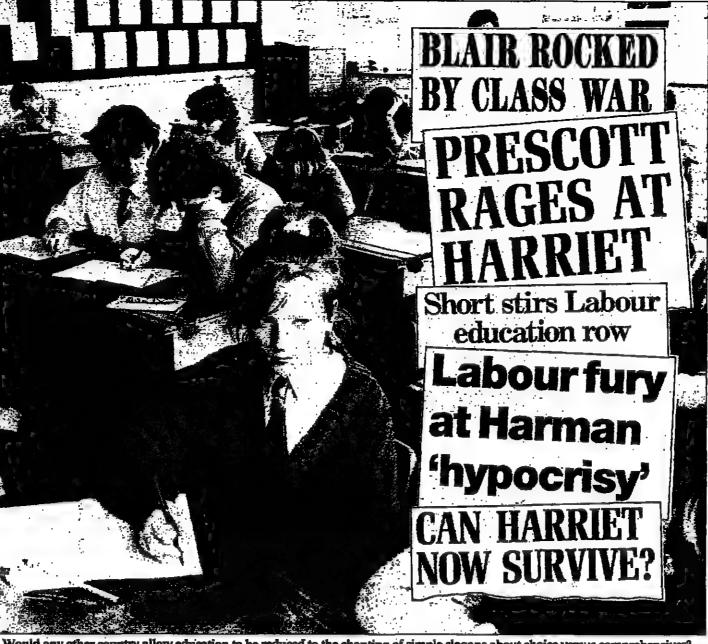
f. all the comments and columns written this week were pasted together and sent to every parent, teacher, child and politician, would the cause of improving England's under-performing school system be advanced one iota? A visitor from the Continent or Asia would simply blink with amazement at the posturing from all political sides and ask when the English were going to stop shouting slogans and insults at each other and get down to

I was ashamed to be an MP on Monday night as a debate about school vouchers was transformed into an Orwellian hate session by ministers and backbenchers whose only purpose was to tear at the flesh of Harriet Farman. To be sure, her decision to prioritise her duty as a parent is open to legitimate political criticism but there was something foul and unhealthy in the desire of ministers and their followers to shunt aside discussion about the provision of nursery places in order to hound

As the father of four children under the age of ten, I live the agonies of the English education system. Having lived and worked in Switzerland and France, the failure of education policy-makers in Whitehall to compel parents and teachers to accept their responsibilities for education is astounding. No other country in Europe has allowed standards to fall so low or permitted the individual's cheque book to determine the schooling of the future citizen. No other country would allow education to be reduced to the chanting of simple slogans about "choice" versus

Yesterday's gloomy test results reinforce last week's study showing that the teaching of arithmetic in English schools was two years behind that in Germany or Switzerland, and, from personal experience. I would add France and The Netherlands. Two of my daughters attend a superb primary school in inner London where an outstanding headteacher has created a spirit of discipline and work that would satisfy the oldest of traditionalists. Yet the other day I was playing Monopoly with the girls and, to my horror, discovered that such is the national curriculum view of numeracy standards needed in schools that my daughter has difficulty in calculating the correct change from 100 Monopoly pounds when asked to pay the rent on Traialgar Square.

A Conservative might say I should pay for a private school where maths would be better taught, and a Labour colleague might urge me to hire a tutor. But if I lived in France or Switzerland it



Would any other country allow education to be reduced to the chanting of simple slogans about choice versus comprehensives?

would be my right as a citizen to Swiss school systems and were expect high-standard teaching in

The crisis of maths teaching should have been dehated in Parliament but England's immurable adversarial system of yah-boo politics does not permit such debate. So tomorrow, with the help of BT. I have organised a debate in Rotherham on England's educational needs. David Blunkett will make one keynote speech, as will Professor Brian Cox, editor of the "Black Papers," on education.

n Saturday afternoon there will be a proper debate on the subject of selection and vouchers in schools. Speaking in favour will be Stephen Pollard, of the Fabian Society, and speaking against will be Alan Howarth, the former Tory Education Minister. From the clash of their views will come, I hope, some synthesis about how children are guided to the best pathways for their abilities and how all this might be paid for.

Various nieces and nephews have gone through the French and

where on time -

apart from school.

They have to find

out the route; buy a

travel ticket; wear

clothing that is ap-

propriate. And they

learn what to call

people - not just the

usual "sir" or "miss"

or "mum and dad"

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ture, a 15-year-old

girl. Fortunately,

Jessica's "minder

knew exactly what she was like it was

her cousin, who works in a West

Country hostel which provides tem-

porary, mixed ac-

commodation for up

to 36 residents aged

Most were young

abroad to discover he had lost

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Next day she laughed off the

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entendres, which

16 and upwards.

granted as adults.

never obliged to take an exam at 11, which would have divided them into the sheep and goats beloved of the Darwinian selectionists now baying for a return to the grammar secondary modern divide of the 1950s. To be sure, there is streaming and guidance on the Continent, and a much stronger commitment to technical training which does not have the oily hands. second-class image of apprentice-ship and vocational formation that

switch between schools and choices are made at 13 or older, not the absurdly early age of 11. Can education policy-makers in Whitehall be humble enough to admit they might be able to learn from other countries? Tomorrow, teachers, parents and the business leaders of Rotherham and South Yorkshire will be able to decide for themselves what might be the best way forward for the English national educational system. I deliber-

ately write system, in the singular,

because the key lesson from our

more successful European and

Asian competitor-partners is that

it does in England. It is easier to

education cannot be reduced to a set of competing, winner-and-loser institutions based on the nostrums of the market-place in which money

1. also emphasise "English" because the Scots do not seem to have anything like the same ago nies that the English do over education. Is this because all Scottish teachers are in one union, in contrast to the plethora of competing, often stupidly squabbling unions representing teachers in English schools? Or is it because Scots examinations are much closer to the French baccalauréas or German Abitur or Swiss maturité with a broader range of subjects taught and examined instead of the narrow range of A levels?

Or is it the tradition of Calvinist learning personified in the dominie, the schoolmaster who was looked to with respect in contrast to the social and financial devaluation of the teacher in schools and universities in England? Or is that the Scottish elite don't like signing huge cheques to pay for their sons and daughters to be socially segregated in fee-paying establishments?

My mother and half my aunts and uncles are Scottish schoolteachers and I have often thought that there is nothing wrong with the English school system that handing it over to the Scots couldn't

xperts from Scotland and on European education systems will speak in Rotherham tomorrow. We do not need to reinvent the wheel, nor apply the wrong ideologies of the 1960s or 1980s to England's schools. But education policy-makers must be ready to learn and discuss and to debate.

That process is all but impossible in Westminster and Whitehall. I am glad to be leaving the heat of the Commons for the cool light of South Yorkshire where I will learn more tomorrow about what's wrong with our education policy and how to put it right than I will from any amount of time spent listening to ministers scoring sound-bite points and refusing to debate the real issues.

The author is the Labour MP for

### Labour voters want the best for their children, too

Harriet Harman, I am also the mother of one of the four "high flyers" who passed this year's entrance examination to St Olave's School from Dulwich Hamlet.

Without the need to maintain a high political profile, I could be said not to have to worry about the implications of such a decision. But as a Labour-voting teacher in the inner city for 16 years, I am aware that some of my friends and colleagues will be raising an eyebrow when told about this good fortune.

For a left-wing (if, indeed, a Labour voter may still be thus described) parent living in London to opt for selective education is neither hypocritical nor confused; it is a pragmatic choice to make. Pragmatic politicians I find reassuring; it is ideologues I find worrying. Ms Harman's son has

ing a place in this "Kent" school away from a more local pupil. In fact, St Olave's has been hijacked by the London Borough of Bromley, where it is now situated, having been founded "through charitable effort of the people of Southwark for its

'younglings'" - of which, Joseph, a resident of Southwark, is one. If young Joseph were female, he could have gone to St Olave's sister school, situated in the politically correct, if aesthetically unappeal-ing. Old Kent Road, and all would have been well.

If inner-city schools often have poor exam results and a level of violence that no caring parent would knowingly want to unleash on their offspring, it is not the fault of the teachers, but a direct outcome of the implicit values of our society a perception that might is right. and that you are what you drive: rather than what drives you.

A Labour Government will need to reverse the damage done. But in the meantime, should each sacrificial child of a Labour politician be sent to a Hackney Downs?

From my own experience of a comprehensive school in the then communist Poland, from which 95 per cent of my classmates went to university, I know that comprehensives can deliver and I believe in the principle of comprehensive education. But what Poland had then, unlike Britain now, was a social consensus in a practically classless and homogenous society that education is a "good thing". Education had genuine currency in a society without a welfare safety net, but with 100 per cent employment. Also, education had a great snob value. Peasant or

aspire to their offspring getting up the social ladder.

Snobbery certainly beats greed the tune we dance to in Britain. It is a great motivator. It inspires us to become educated and cultured — the dreaded middle-class concepts.

I have spent years savouring the irony that, while in a so-called communist country the Holy Grail was for all to aspire to share in the achievements of the formerly privileged middle-classes, in a Western capitalist society the acquisition of academic trappings is ostensibly shameful.

This stance is hypocritical, and politically and economically suicidal. Furthermore, to reject academic selection as unfair is to imply that the alternatives have to be inferior. British prejudice is at play here. All polytechnics must be renamed universities; a move supposedly to

improve their status, but merely serving to erode the meaning of words. We need to develop a system of prestigious technical colleges and appreciate the type of varied vocational education they will

Meritocracy

The seal of St Olave's

all must be the watchword for the 21st century. But this does not exclude the possibility of an educational fast track for those fit and willing. St Olave's is not a fee-paying school. Entry is by examination only, regardless of class, race, wealth or status. Having become the laughing stock of the developed countries because of our sub-literate and innumerate youth, we could do with a few intellectual fast bowlers.

Doland is one of those coun-tries where people talk in jokes when they mean serious business (a cunning self-censorship device, acquired under communism, but useful in any totalitarian regime).
There is a Polish joke which goes:

a trainee devil is shown round Hell by a senior supervisor. They pass through various sections. In each, the devil on duty busily prods and pokes the mass of wriggling bodies in each sizzling cauldron to stop any from climbing out. They happen upon a cauldron with no devil present. "Why is there no one on duty?" asks the young devil. "No need," comes the reply. "This is the Polish section. When anyone climbs anywhere near the top, the rest will soon pull him down The British section does not need

a devil either.

Anda MacBride

# When Jessica joined the workers

y 15-year-old daugh-ter stopped going to school and went off instead to a hostel for the homeless. One of her contemporaries, also in the throes of the GCSE course, spent a fortnight in the local police station and others ended up in Is this something for Jessi-

ca's school to be proud of? Yes. It takes work experience very seriously. Everyone does these days; one lad with a placement at Bradford Royal Infirmary was allowed not only to watch an operation but to help to look after patients. Sydenham School, the south

London comprehensive where Jessica is studying for her GCSEs, has had several recent placements at hospitals but none quite as hands-on as that. Several years ago, when one of the pupils fainted while watching an operation, she asked groggily, "Where am !?" on coming round. "Intensive care," they said.

Placements enjoyed by the latest batch of 240 pupils from Sydenham were at estate agents, ławyers, hotels, maga zines, trendy shops and the Man in the Moon Theatre.

We try not to have too many hairdressers," says Gill Pooley, who, in matching her pupils to places, encourages whem not be limited by the stereotypes of gender: girls should not feel that a no-entry sign comes between them and

They definitely mature,

Ms Pooley says. "Many students with all sorts of difficulties at school shine at work placements." A lot speak of the experience of getting someJonathan Sale describes how his daughter took up a work placement — and learnt an adult lesson



Experience for a would-be engineer

often people to whom life has dealt a bad hand. Several had men in their twenties who acted as if they had never seen a young female before. Jessica realised that any minor irritasuffered family splits. One, 2 disturbed woman, was "sections she felt were nothing compared with what some of tioned", that is, compulsorily taken into care. the residents were up against

Some were in trouble with the law. One of Jessica's one lad had returned from strongest memories of the fortnight was of how she pointed out to one lad that petty crime was giving him only grief. "He said: 'Do you think I should, like, stop? For Working with homeless two seconds he thought about people certainly removes any. it. He saw me not as a 15-yearprejudice; they are not lesser mortals than the rest of us but old but as a supervisor."

She had to act in some ways like a member of staff but could always turn to her cousin or another of the employees. She was able to give practical help, such as booking a dentist's ap-pointment for one of the older residents. Other work involved doing the laundry or playing cards with

Perhaps her greatest satisfaction - it makes me look at my youngest child in a new light — lay in having a certain amount of authority. To those residents that she knew best, she could say: "Put that cigarette butt in the ashtray" - and they did.

Her friend, Yaa Kudom, had a rather different placement. In her project diary, Yaa wrote that the organistion where she had her work experience "provides an important service to people living in the country". That is a nerous opinion of the House Commons but then the House of Commons had a generous opinion of her. "She is quietly confident, articulate and clearly has high aspirations," said the office supervisor of the Labour MP Diane

This is what Yaa's first day

involved: "1. Attended a meeting in Hackney Town Hall about disabilities. 2 Attended park in Hackney where Diane opened a festival for old people. 3. Sat through Question Time at the House of Commons, 4. Attended two meetings with Diane." In addition, the energetic Ms Abbott had time to quiz her about her ambition to go into law or business. No wonder Yaa's entry reads: "It was a very. very tiring day. I didn't get home until 9pm."

Her second day included: photocopying: Treasury and Civil Service Committee; watching two television interviews: a Home Office meeting about prostitution in Hackney. In two days she had already had more encounters with parliamentary activity than most voters will have in a

nother Sydenham pupil was in the Commons at the same time, in this case with George Bruce, MP for Walsall South, for whom she wrote a press release and answered letters from children in his constituency. She was impressed by the polite way in which MPs insulted each other.
From her fortnight in the

hostel, Jessica discovered that she would enjoy a career in that area. Conversely, Ms Pooley says: "There are some students who have always thought that they wanted to work with children; but then they go to a nursery school and think, 'not for me!' And that sort of learning experience is worth two weeks of anyone's

### Books to help with tests YESTERDAY's disappoint

national tests at II will increase the pressure on parents and schools to prepare children more effectively this year. Three books published last week and sponsored by The Times should aid that process. As well as providing a revision guide for the tests in May, the paperbacks was chable parents to make their

dren's progress in the three Produced by the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, the body responsi-ble for the tests, the separate books on English, mathematics and science offer advice on revision and examination techniques, as well as sample questions at all levels of difficulty. Unlike rival publi-

The three books, which are published by HMSO. will form the basis of a series of articles on this year's tests at ages seven, II and 14. The series will appear in The

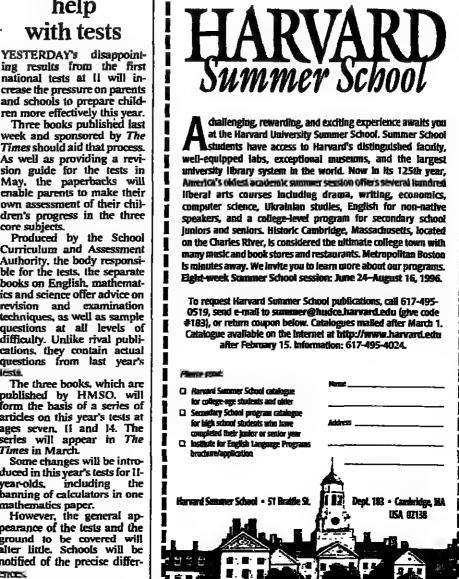
cations, they contain actual

questions from last year's

Times in March. Some changes will be intro-duced in this year's tests for Il-year-olds, including the banning of calculators in one

mathematics paper. However, the general appearance of the tests and the ground to be covered will alter little. Schools will be notified of the precise differ-

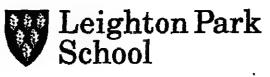
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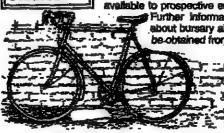
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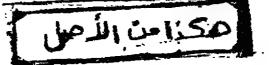
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TONY McCOY had not ridden in a British steeplechase riding sensation of the season had extended his lead at the top of the jockeys' championship with an 11-1 double at Wincanton yesterday he spoke of his hopes of winning the world's most famous race over fences - the Grand National.

The fresh-faced Irishman confirmed he will ride Deep Bramble in the Aintree spectacular and said: "You could not have a horse with better credentials for the National. He has a touch of class, jumps and stays, which is ideal.

"I schooled him for the first time last Wednesday, and he was brilliant. He has been trained specifically for the race and Paul Nicholls is very good at laying one out for a big

Indeed, Deep Bramble was strongly fancied for last year's Grand National and had been installed as one of the favourites when the weights were published, only to miss the race because of injury.

The nine-year-old had

the gruelling 42-mile test by winning two competitive staving races at Sandown, including the Agfa Diamond Chase, in which he beat Royal Athlete, the subsequent National winner, out of sight.

Nicholls, who saddled his first winners of 1996 when Sunley Bay and Lansdowne won at the Somerset track,

BICHARD EVANS

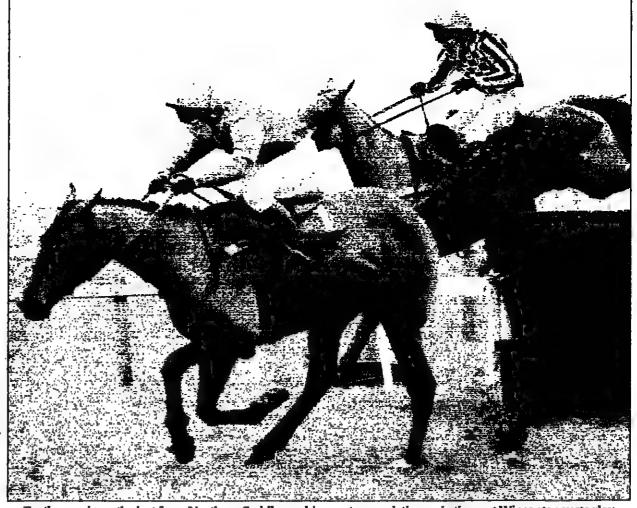
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said: There really wasn't a race for Deep Bramble until this spring so it seemed sensible to look at the National. He didn't come in until October, but he's ready to run now and will go to Chepstow or Sandown next Saturday. When he won the Agfa Dia-mond last season he weighed 515 kilos and at present he is

The trainer added: "When Henrietta Knight has never he came to us last season from had her horses in better form Ireland he seemed a bit and Easthorpe continued her shouldery and jarred up, but this year he seems a different cracking run when taking the £10,000-added Terence Brady horse. I see him as a real & Charlotte Bingham Handi cap Chase. The eight-year-old was completing a six-timer this season in the afternoon's National horse and he'll have two runs before Aintree, ideally at Chepstow in the Coral National Trial and then at Haydock in the Greenalls Grand National Trial. feature race and always had too much speed for Northern Saddler and Mister Oddy.

"He jumps very carefully and stays well. Horses like Royal Athlete and Dubacilla finished behind him at Given the relative shortage of two-mile chasers, it was no surprise to hear connections confirm the three will meet again in the Grand Annual Chase at the Cheltenham Sandown. He has not got enough class to win a Cheltenham Gold Cup but is the right sort for Aintree. I only had him right twice last year so "Easthorpe never stops surprising me. He would pull

himself up if you didn't keep reminding him," Knight said. "He prefers going left-handed and needed today's race because he's so lazy at home." ☐ Kim Bailey confirmed yes-terday that Master Oats, his 1995 Gold Cup winner, will run in the Hennessy Gold Cup at Leopardstown on Sunday week. Bailey said: "He's in good form at the moment and either Charlie Swan or Jamie Osborne will take the ride."



Easthorpe clears the last from Northern Saddler on his way to completing a six-timer at Wincanton yesterday

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	RED WARRIOR LI Gordent M Harmond 5-11-7
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TAKE COVER 31 Set of 8 to Beggers Banquet in National Hunt Fail race at Worcester (2m, good to firm). THE ANGEL LEEK beat Moss Brechnett 8 in Selection: TAKE COVER

### Frost threatens meetings

THE meetings at Lingfield Park and Doncaster today depend on morning inspections. Both were raceable yesterday but face falling temperatures overnight combined with a cold easterly wind. Ayr, due to race tomorrow, will inspect at 10.45 today, while Cheltenham's fixture is also threatened. Cheltenham's clerk of the course. Philip Arkwright, said yesterday: "I would guess there could be a Saturday morning inspection." The fixture at Huntingdon yesterday was lost to frost.

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### 2.45 HOLTYE MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,314: 2m 110yd) (16)

6-4 Supreme Geochin, 9-4 Tragic Hero, 8-7 Forest Star, 8-1 I'm A Dreamer, 10-1 Bangozetti, 12-7 Mac's Tard, Sendensk, 14-1 others

3.20 FELCOURT HANDICAP CHASE (£4,743: 3m) (8) 1 .-BP EDMIROURS 14 (F.C.S) Miss H Knopt 10-12-0 Mr J Chiloty (7) 93
2 F-P3 ALL FOR LIUCK 13 (G.S) M Pgc 11-11-13... D Bridgeniter 95
3 12-4 SPUFFINSTON 13 (G.S) J Editord 8-11-10... P Hide 90
4 3-04 P HASTIC SPACEAGE 13 (D.G.S.) J Gdd 3-11-5 T Grandfaster (E)
5 2-4P AURASSIC CLASSIC 11 (S) Mr L Bricherds 9-10-5 M Richards 89
6 8-6-8 DESPERATE 21 (G.S.) O Shewnood 8-10-4 ... J Deborn 85
7 -FF4 TALE OF ENDURANCE 9 (S) C Namn 8-10-0 ... A P NicCoy 82
8 1F-0 TYRONE BRIDGE 14 (D.S) N Wafter 10-10-0 J R Kavanagh 80 5-2 Edirabourg, 3-1 Sputfington, 11-2 All For Luck, 6-1 Plastic Spaceage, 6-1 Tale Ol Endurance, Desperate, 10-1 others.

3.50 LIGHTWEIGHT PLASTERING NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,437: 2m 31 110yd) (12)

4-1 Tickerly's Gdf, 5-1 Lyphant's Fable, 6-1 Prince Nasita, 7-1 Desart Brave, Pond House, 8-1 Cassio's Boy, Lord Missigno, 10-1 others.

4.20 HBLB EDENBRIDGE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,448: 2m 31 110yd) (11)

3-1 Irm Delayld. 4-1 Ready To Deaw, 5-1 The Black Monk, 6-1 Shared Bold, 7-1 Oldhill Wand 8-1 Aine's Midrot, 10-1 others. BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Doncaster: 1.35 Mamnoon. Lingfield Paric: 1.45 Crazy Weather, Nictomi 4.20 Oldhill Wood, Southwell: 12.40 Phanan. 1.05 Komiamatte, Leedons Parix, 2.00 Fortis Pavior, Grey Charmer, Legal Drame, We're Joken. 3.30 Adler 4.00 Genesis Follar

SOUTHWELL THUNDERER 12.40 Chantry Beath. 1.05 JALMAID (nap), 1.30 Pontynyswen, 2.00 Dissentor, 2.30 Yeoman Oliver, 3.00 Westman's Weigh, 3.30 Welsh Melody, 4.00

Kingchip Boy. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 12.40 Gold Blade. 3.00 Foreman. 4.00 KINGCHIP BOY (nap).

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12.40 BALDERTON AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (Div I: £2,222. 1m 4f) (10 runners) 101 30-2 GOLD BLADE 5 (D.F.G) J Pearcs 7-12-0 ... Mrs L Pearch 9
102 25-0 FATHER DAN 5 (C.B.F.G) Mass B Acherony 7-12-0 .J Durbon 3
103 106- CHARITRY BEATH S.1 (D.S.S.) C Thomston 5-11-5. S Fasiera 7
104 05-4 TEMPETINE 14 (CD.F.G) 0 Chapman 10-11-5 . Mass 9 Clark 8
105 1-10 MODEST HOPE 7 (CD.F.G) 8 Reference 3-11-2 Mass 9 Notice 16
106 407 JANCTION THEOTYPHY SOSIO (D.F.) C Broad 5-10-9 A White (S) 1
107 01-3 COMTECTS LEGEND 14 (BF.C.O.F.G) J Bottorsley 5-10-8
108 A Final 5-10-8

108 0-04 MAJOR SMUSHT 11 (8) M W Easterby 4-10-4 . M Rimed 4 109 00-5 PHANNN 14 (8,D.F.G) R Peacock 10-9-9 Mrs. C Peacock (5) 6 110 0-00 NEBRANGUS 11 Neproth 4-9-7 ..... Mrs. C Williams (5) 10 3-1 Gold Back, 5-1 Temper 11 R Sproth 4-9-7 ..... Mrs. C Williams (7) 10 SrugBl, 6-1 Father Dan, Modest Hope

1.05 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (Qualifier: Div I: \$2,471: 1m) (10) 201 6-11 SO AMAZING 7 (C.E.) Mics S Half 4-10-1 (Sea) 
J Wesset 7 202 40-3 BARREL OF HOPE 14 (B.C.S.S.) J Fyre 4-9-10 
J Fortune 1 203 013 JALMAD 48 (CD.S.) B McMahon 4-9-4 
Professor 5 1-1 Nonfron 5/8 8 (CD.S.) B McMahon 4-9-4 
BORGART 14 (G.) C Fantana 5-9-3 
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Dullen 2 207 -463 (MCMAHATE 11 (V.CD.BF.G.) S Bownon 4-9-3 C Teagon (S) 6 08-2 BARCESS DAUGHTEN 17 (CD.B) J Arold 4-9-1 
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M Self (S) 5 210 ACS - LEEDOMS PARK (S) (B) M Page 4-7-10 
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2.00 ANNESLEY LIMITED STAKES (£2,572: 6I) (16)

401 -615 DISSENTOR 4 (V.CD.BF.G) J Glover 4-9-0 J Wesser 5 402 -540 ADUADO 7 (B.C.F.G) 5 Bowling 7-8-11. C Teague (5) 9 403 /0-6 FORTIS PANGER 14 (B.D.F.S) W Esser 6-8-11 A Sectione 2 404 0-00 GREY CHARMER 4 (V.D.F.B.S) C Januar 7-8-11 A McGione 11

9-2 Dissentor, 5-1 Kira, 6-1 Warm Hestred, 7-1 Avasha, 8-1 Perther, 9-1 Sered Mate, 70-1 Montague Dawson, 12-1 others.

2.30 DAMETHORPE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,075: 1m) (7) 501 0 BILWTSW000 HALL 16 R Hofinstrad 8-0 .
502 MOFASA W O'Sormen 9-0 . Et 503 6-22 YEGMAN CLIVER 16 B McMaho 9-0 . Et 504 BELACKIA D Chapman 8-9 .
505 6-6 GREEN BEM 42 S Wittams 8-9 .
507 6-58 THREESOCKS 136 8 Small 8-9 .

2-1 Threesocks 3-1 Yeoman Oliver, 4-1 Green Gern, 6-1 Molasa, 7-1 Kingdom Pracess, 8-1 Bluntswood Halt, 20-1 Belacque 3.00 CARLTON-ON-TRENT HANDICAP

603 02-5 CHUBANG BANG 9 (C.S) J Berry 8-11 . P Roberts (7) 4
604 05-3 YOUNG FREDERICK 13 K Buste 8-9 . T Ashley (7) 6
604 08-4 FOREMAN 4 (8.S) W O'Somm 8-5 . Emme O'Somma 7
606 - 304 GHOSTLY APPARTION 3 J Upson 8-4 . M Fention 1
607 0-51 BRIGANDOWS 9 (0.6) S Bowing 8-4 (6e) ... N Cartiste 5
8-4 Westman's Weigh 7-2 Brossnores 9-2 Chabase 6 9-4 Westman's Weigh, 7-2 Briganoone, 9-2 Childreng Bang, 5-1 Shortsine, 7-1 Young Frederick, 8-1 Foreman, 12-1 Ghostly Apparation

3.30 FACKLEY SELLING STAKES

(3-Y-0: £2,607: 71) (10)

1 25-3 DRADOMOV 18 (8,CD,BF,S) J Payne 9-4... A McStone 1
2 03-0 TICKA TICKA TRAING 21 (C.S.) 8 Marray 9-4 P McCabe (3) 10
3 08-8 DOWN THE YARD 7 (F) M Capena 8-13. TWilliams 8
5 5-0 ADLER 18 (8) M Camacha 6-12... J Williams 8
6 0-5 MEVER GOLF DRAMOND 18 TO Respirator 8-12... J Williams 8
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8 44-0 LOCH STYLE 18 R Halfambared 8-12... M Festion 5
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9 6 CONVENT GUEST 24 M Channer 8-7... P P Morphy (5) 8
7-2 Cananti Guest, 4-1 Websh Melady, 9-2 Diagnorum 6-1 (both Style, 7-1 Ticka -2 Convent Guest, 4-1 Welsty Melody, 9-2 Diagogray, 6-1 Loch Style, 7-1 Tiska Icka Timung, Hever Golf Danmand, 10-1 Douar The Yand, 12-1 others

4.00 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (Qualifier, Div II, £2,471; 1m) (10)

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1 00-8 GREAT BEAR 18 (G) D Chapman 4-9-10 P Fessey (5) 6

2 60-4 ACONDRACE 299 R Fatay 4-9-7 ... A Cultimet ?

3 00-3 OUR ROBERT 7 J Fetayards 4-9-6 ... I Weighten 5

4 -011 KONGCHP BOY 4 (K.D.E.,6) M Fyan 7-9-5 (bes) ... T Wes 10

5 033- MESLEMANI 63 (6) A Newcombe 6-9-4 ... D Griffste (7) 8

6 000- PCS GRAISER BI (D.G.) Eye 4-9-3 ... R Lappin 8

7 336- LADY SILK 55 (C.S.S) Mes J Craze 5-9-3 ... N Kennedy 4

8 05-4 DIA GEORGY 22 (D.F.S.S) Mes N Marculey 5-8-11 ... J Cabmot 3

9 30-4 GREESS FOUR 18 (M.C.D.G.S Bowing 6-8-1 ... T Capmot (5) 1

10 40 DARIKA LAD 4 (F) A Harrison 8-7-13 ... L Coarmot 29

4 Kenshib Dr. B. 2 Serie Bo. 6-1 Misleman 2-1 Dr. Behart 8-1 America 7-4 Kingchip Boy, 9-2 Great Box, 5-1 Misleman, 7-1 Dur Robert, 8-1 Azuroisce, 10-1 Dar Georgy 12-1 others

# Giles makes point to put Britain on brink

Holland Great Britain

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN

GREAT Britain took an important step towards the Olympic Games hockey tournament in Atlanta next summer when Calum Gües converted a short corner to level the scores two minutes before the end of an exciting game against Holland here yesterday. Britain now need one point from their two remaining matches, against Malaysia tomorrow and Belgium on Sunday, to clinch a place among the qualifying five for the United States.

The 2-2 draw denied the Dutch victory and prevented them from confirming their



place for Atlanta. Nobody could begrudge Britain their point. The forwards ran strongly and tackled more fiercely, allowing Holland little chance to develop their

Britain took only 30 seconds to pierce the Dutch defence and earn a short corner, which came to nothing because of some faulty stopping. A secand short corner three minutes later was dissolved for the want of control, but the pressure served to undermine the

Hazlitt, at left half, broke up two of their attacking forays by intercepting passes from Van Wijk. The Holland goal was under siege again soon afterwards, when Shaw's pass put Mayer through. Jensen, the Holland goalkeeper, came

Mayer continued to torment the opposing defence.

23rd minute, against the run of play, as Van den Honert scored from a scramble after Veen, on the right wing, had put a centre across the circle. However, Britain went back on the offensive and earned another short corner, the result of a foot infringement by the Dutch inside the circle Giles swept the ball along the ground, forcing Jensen to make a diving save.

In the dying minutes of the first half. Holland conceded another short corner for obstructing Nick Thompson at the top of the circle. Persistent breaking of the line before the Brinkman and Van Rwswijk, two Holland defenders, temporarily suspended.

This meant that Holland were down to nine men at the start of the second half and Britain took immediate advantage. Jensen saved a shot from Laslett but, as the ball drifted out of the circle. Hazlitt was on hand to set up Mayer, who dashed in to score. Holland railied and forced a

short corner in the 46th minute, from which Van den Honert scored his second goal with a high scoop into the net. A succession of short corners then followed at both ends. Holland missed their best

chance of the game from one of these, when Van den Honert scooped over the too. It was a mistake for which they were made to pay as Giles, a substitute, denied them victory in the last minutes. Éarlier yesterday, India and

Spain qualified for Atlanta

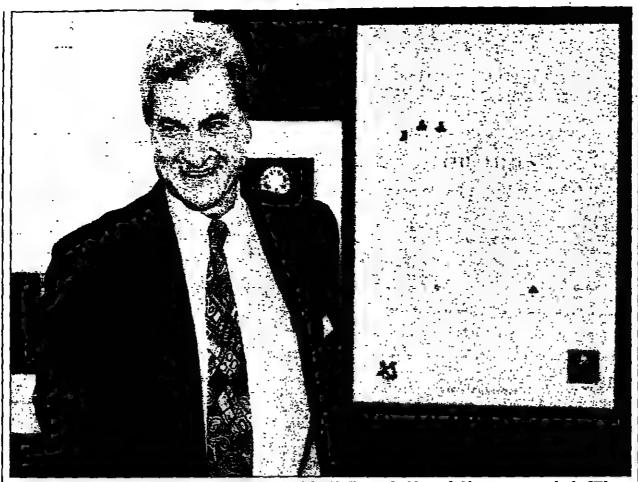
with wins over Canada and

Malaysia respectively.
GREAT BRITAN: D Lukes (East Grissland). J Wyest (Reading), Borna Singh (Boutpase), G Fordham (houselow), Kalibr Teicher (Carnock), S Healt (Houndow), C Mayer (Cannock), J Shaw (Southgale), R Thompson (Hourslow), J Laslett (Technigan, capten), N Thompson (Ick Lughtonierus, Substitutes steet: C

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David Price, the former British captain, organised the Challenge, the biggest bridge tournament in the UK

# Times deals up a winning hand

HOW TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE

... POSTCODE:

BY ROBERT WRIGHT

THE TIMES today launches the biggest bridge tournament to be staged in the United Kingdom. It is open to every player in the land, whatever their standard of play, and offers them the chance to be a national champion. The Times Midland Private

Banking National Bridge Challenge will appeal to social player and seasoned expert alike. At stake is a prize-fund of £21,000 and part of the proceeds from the Challenge will be donated to the National Trust. Peter Stothard, editor of The Times, said: "The Times has a long association with bridge and our daily column has always been popular with readers. We are delighted to be associated with this unique event in bridge and to help the National Trust with its conser-

vation programme." Of an estimated two million players in Britain, 100.000 play competitive bridge, with a core of 5,000 regular participants. One of the primary aims of the Challenge is to dispel the elitist image which surrounds competitive bridge, while providing worthwhile rewards for the game's more hardened players.

Organised by the former British captain, David Price, of Chicago Bridge Promo-tions, and licensed by the English Bridge Union, the tournament will be split into four categories - expert, men, ladies and mixed.

Pairs can enter either through their bridge clubs, bridge sections of other clubs (golf, tennis etc) or by forming a group of their regular social players. There is an entry fee of £6 per person, 20 per cent of which will be donated to the National Trust. The Trust will also receive any surplus profits from the competition.

Pairs will play duplicate bridge, based on aggregate scoring, with only simple, natural bidding allowed. Heats will be held between กลเบรลไ February I and July 15, with the winners qualifying for locally-organised area finals. to be run during August and September. The top 80 pairs in each category will qualify for

THE TIMES Midland Private Banking NATIONAL BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP

one of the regional finals, some of which will be hosted by Jarvis Hotels, during October, with 20 pairs in each category going on to the national final.

The 160 finalists will compete over the weekend of November 23-24 at Clandon Park, a National Trust propernear Guildford, Surrey. Winners of the expert category will receive £5,000, plus individual trophies, while winners

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tions will win £2,000 plus trophies, with prize-money down to fourth place.

Simon Donohue, managing director of Midland Private Banking, is confident that the competition will find a niche. "We have a long history of supporting the National Trust, and I am sure that the partnership of The Times, ourselves and the National Trust will make the Challenge a regular feature of the bridge-playing calendar for years to come." he said.

Registration for the competition can be made by contacting the tournament office on 0181 942 9506 and by writing to The Times Midland Private Banking National Bridge Challenge, Chicago Bridge Promotions, Britannic Way, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 4PH, by fax to 0181 942 9569 or through a club, where details will be displayed.

Di Wardle, a spokeswoman for the National Trust, said: "We are grateful to The Times and Midland Private Banking for choosing the National Trust to benefit from this event, which will have huge appeal to our members."

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### Smith and Charles seek chance to star at Olympics

FROM EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT IN NUMBER

LAWRIE Smith and Glyn Charles, the leading contenders in the Star class for the Great Britain Olympic team, joined battle here yesterday in an incident-filled opening race on Biscayne Bay.

In the first of eight qualifying heats at the pre-Olympic regatta, both made poor starts in breezy conditions that saw the Spanish former Finn gold medal-winner, Jose Luis Doreste, leading the 49-strong fleet at the weather mark.

Smith and Charles took some time to establish clear air at the crowded pin end of the starting line and emerged at the weather mark well down the fleet but hot on each other's heels.

Charles, who has lost out to Smith twice at trials in the Soling class in the past two Olympic selection campaigns, is determined to reverse that form this time round. There is little love lost between the two and yesterday he reached the weather mark one boat length in front of Smith, who was then forced to take a penalty after touching the mark with his mainsail as he went round.

Ahead of them, in twelfth place, the outsiders, Michael and Patrick Hicks, were putting up a confident performance: the stronger pairings of Stuart Hudson and David Munge and David Howlett and Phil Lawrence were 28th and 29th respectively. Smith eventually finished

twelfth and Charles 27th, and over the next three days the five trialists will have a chance to show their paces against many of the leading Star sailors in the world, including a strong American team led by John Kostecki and Joe Londrigan. During an earlier race over

the same course Andy Beadsworth - Britain's medal hope in the Soling class - also started poorly, getting caught in the middle of a large fleet. At the gybe mark Beadsworth, who has already been selected for the Olympic squad, was languishing in 28th place in the field of 43, which was led by the Dane,

Stig Westergaard.

### **Boon puts** Australia on secure footing

DAVID BOON played a familiar rescue role in his final appearance for Australia, en-abling the Waugh brothers, Mark and Steve, to launch a jate assault on the Sri Lanka bowling on the first day of the third and final Test in Adelaide yesterday.

Boon, who will retire from international cricket at the end of the match, steadied the innings with a typically reso-lute 43 after Michael Slater was dismissed in the first over

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of the day.

Mark Waugh made 71 and his brother remained unbeaten on 70 as Australia reached 239 for five at the close, having

### Higgins sorry

Snooker: Not for the first time in his controversial career, Alex Higgins has seen fit to apologise for his actions (Phil Yates writes). Yesterday, the former world champion issued a statement admitting that remarks made over the past two weeks to referees Lawrie Annandale and Alan Chamberlain were "inappropriate".

Higgins was reported to the sport's governing body, the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, by Annandale on Tuesday after his 10-7 defeat by Surinder Gill in the eighth qualifying round of the Embassy world chempionship.

### Germans defend

Hockey: Germany are the favourites for the eight-team women's indoor championship that begins in Glasgow today. The challenge for England is to get to the final and to be the first team to put the champions under genuine pressure.

### Shark encounter

Basketball: Crystal Palace, the unbeaten first division leaders who have knocked two Budweiser League teams out of the National Cup, have been drawn against the hold-ers, Sheffield Sharks, in the semi-finals

SBM-FINALS: Chepi Palace v Sheffeld (1sting Feb 8, 3nd log Feb 14); Semingham Sullets v London Towers (1st leg Feb 11, 2nd log Feb 14).

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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

### Coleman's improvement

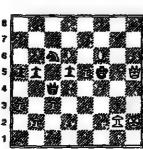
After a sensational win as Black in the Winawer Variation of the French Defence by Ivanchuk against Kasparov last year, this line has come back into fashion. Black's strategy is characterised by withholding the standard liberating advance ... and manoeuvring with his pieces behind a closed pawn chain.

Learning from Kasparov's unfortunate experience, the Essex player, David Coleman. inflicted a convincing defeat when Black repeated Ivanchuk's ploy in this game from the Gausdal tournament. Coleman built up a powerful attack and eventually forced the Black king out into the open for inevitable

White: Coleman Black: Tjomsland Gausdal, January 1996

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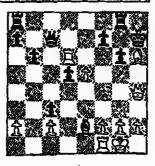
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MINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

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White to move. This position a variation is from the game Duras - Olland, Carlsbad 1907. A discovered cheese. Caristone 1907. A discovered check can be a very powerful weapon as it creates the possibility to move a piece to a square where, temporarily at least, it will be invulnerable. How





By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent This Refresher demonstrates a simple piece of logic. It cropped up in the match between South Africa and China in the 1995 Marlboro Venice Cup (the women's world championship).

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presume South's Three Heart bid over East's Two Hearts was asking her partner to bid 3NT if she held a heart stopper. That is a common method in tournament bridge. After cashing the ace of hearts at trick one, West continued hearts. The Chinese declarer (Zhang) ruffed, cashed two top trumps and gave up a trump to East's queen. What should declarer do when East (Petra Mansell) returns a spade?

The trap is to finesse. But if you think it through, you'll see that is wrong. Say the spade finesse wins - South still has to find the queen of clubs to make her contract. But if West has the queen of clubs, declarer has enough tricks without taking the spade finesse.

Zhang was up to it - she rose with the acc of spades. Now after drawing East's last trump she cashed the ace of clubs and ran the nine for her

contract. That was the right way to play the clubs: a) as West was short in diamonds she was more likely to be long in clubs: b) with four tricks needed in the suit it was not possible to play East for the guarded queen of clubs.

☐ The MacAllan Internation-

al Pairs Championships continued yesterday at the White House Hotel, Albany Street, NWI After eight rounds of play the positions were: I Forrester and Robson (GB) 331VPs: 2 Auken and von Arnim (Germany) 326; 3 Rodwell and Meckstroth (USA) 321VPs: 4 Forguet and Sementa (Italy) 301: 5 Lauria and Versace (Italy) 295: 6 Gitelman and Mittleman (Canada) 261.

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### WORD-WATCHING

RORKE'S DRIFT

a. An Irish argument b. A station c. A private army

**BROWN BESS** a. A musket b. A highwayman's horse ⊆ A camp-follower

By Philip Howard CHEVACHEE a. A cavairy charge b. Devastation

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# Pittsburgh's men of steel glory in colossal task

round to the big guys yester-day. The Pittsburgh man-mountains who will try to scratch. heave and claw victory out of the safe hands of the Dalias Cowboys quarterback, Troy Aikman, in Super Bowl XXX here on Sunday left little doubt that it will not be much fun being stuck in the middle with them. They did not so much rest the case for their defence as whirl it around their heads and brandish it like a bloodied

The Cowboys, with their much-vaunted offensive combination of Aikman and the running back. Emmitt Smith, not to mention the wide receiver, Michael Irvin, and the mercurial Deion Sanders in arry favourites to defeat the Steelers in the Sun Devil Stadium and clinch their third Super Bowl victory in

of present and former players asked to offer their opinion on the outcome, more and more are saying they "like" the underdogs and that their defence will be the

On cue, Greg Lloyd and Kevin Greene, the Steelers linebackers who helped to give their team the nickname "the Elizburgh Steelers" last year because they produced so many quarterback sacks, abandoned the bland truisms and empty wisecracks adopted across the board by the Cowboys players. They are T-shirts and jeans men, blue-collar men, not afraid to talk about the atavistic goals bursting out from underneath the veneer of

Whoever you have on the other side of the ball that is a key player, to get them out of the game is definitely going to help the Pitts-



Oliver Holt in Phoenix, Arizona, on the defensive team lining up to go to war against the Dallas Cowboys

Sunday, that means Emmitt Smith and Troy Aikman. You don't want to see anybody crippled. You want to be able to see guys be able to take care of their families. But when you hit the quarterback and he gets a concussion that's the risk you take. So America has to deal with it."

Greene, a captain and tank commander in the US Army reserve and fond of using military metaphors, was equally uncompro-mising and more articulate about his feelings. Much of the attention devoted to him has centred on the long blond hair that makes him look like a Viking warrior, but on

Sunday he may grab the spotlight

for worther reasons.
"I'm going to plant Aikman, not just nudge hun," Greene said. "I try to hit every quarterback hard when I sack them. You don't, you know. gently lay them in the grass. We're coming after him. We're going to bring him some pressure. If he comes off the field with a clean uniform, then obviously we have

not been doing our job defensively.
"In my position, the quarterback sack is what I do. That's what they pay me to do. It's a notoriety thing, it's a statement, it's a big play. It's a good feeling, it's an ecstatic feeling, it relieves a lot of stress."

Aikman, though, he will have to get past Erik Williams, the Cowboys huge and sofily sinister offensive tackle, who was heavily criticised for a vicious, but legal, block during the Cowboys' National Football Conference championship game victory against the Green Bay Packers ten days ago.

Williams, his arms and forehead hadly scarred from the car crash that nearly ended his career more than a year ago, has a reputation for bringing down his opponents by whatever means necessary, includ-ing pulling on the bars of their facemasks. As he stood on his lectern on Media Day in the stadium on Tuesday. Williams whispered that such actions were "involuntary". but Greene is preparing for them

"The Cowboys have got a big offensive line," Greene said. "Our have to stop Emmitt Smith if we are to have a chance of winning this game. You take away the run and dimensional.

"I'm going to come after Wil-liams hard and fast and heavy. But he is 6ft 7in and 345lb and 1'm 6ft 2in and 245lb. What choices do 1 have when he jams his hands in my face? I can either say 'It's OK big guy, don't worry, just don't let it happen again', or I can do some-

"All of us have our backs against the wall because no one is giving us a rat's chance of winning. But I like the players that we're going to war with. You can measure speed, strength, size, vertical jump and bench press but you can't measure an athlete's heart. I know the heart of this team. This team is not quick to throw in the towel."



Aikman, the quarterback Steelers are out to stop

Ice dance

leaders

suffer in

shadows

FROM JOHN HENNESSY

PERHAPS it is unfortunate for ice dancers that, this year, the paso doble has been selected as the rhythm for

their original programmes in international championships.

Torvill and Dean presented

the definitive paso doble in their unforgenable Olympic

year. 1984, and comparisons

are inevitable and un-

So while the performance of

Oksana Gritschuk and Ev-

geny Platov in the European championship here yesterday

was duly appreciated, it was

also recognised as a pale

All the same, it was an enjoyable programme and

probably deserved to consolidate their lead in the competi-

tion, with the free dance to

come tonight. Their Russian

compatriots, Anjelika Krylova

and Oleg Ovsiannikov, re-

main in second place, butthe

couple in fourth Marina

Anissina, a French acquisition

from the old Soviet Union, and

Gwendal Pelzerat, were dis-

lodged from third place by

Irina Romanova and Igor

The British champions

Marika Humphreys and Phil-

ip Askew, remain anchored in

well, with a number of innova-

tions, notably a convoluted

Yaroshenko, of the Ukraine.

favourable.

# **Drifter with** hankering to perform on world stage

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

MDY BERNAL'S twangy ac-cent conjures visions of billabongs and jolly swagmen, of sun, sand, sea and surf. Though his mass of dreadlocks has at last been untanrevealing, too. Dark complexion, angular features, glistening earring. No doubt about it. Born in Canberra, of Spanish immigrant parents, the son of a one-time crocodile hunter is a fair dinkum Aussie.

It is a badge he wears with



pride, wherever he has plied his footballing trade — at Sporting Gifon, Ipswich Town, Sydney Olympic and Reading. The former beach burn and graduate of the renowned Australian Institute of Sport, which also spawned Pat Cash and Shane Warne. goes where the mood takes him. "With Australians, it's sort of inbred," he said. "We have no fear of going anywhere to play, to live, or to

Bernal, a versatile defender. with 22 caps for Australia, now resides in Royal Berkryn, and daughter, Isabella. 25. He is in his second season with Reading, who play Manchester United in the FA Cup fourth round at Elm Park tomorrow, and will see out the remaining two years of his contract with the Endsleigh Insurance League first divi-sion side. If, that is, the wanderiust does not resurface.

"Sure, I miss home now and again," Bernal, 29. said. "But there are a lot worse places than Reading. As long as I'm close to a big city, I'm all right. You can jump on a train and be in London in 20 minutes, so it's not a problem."

Though he winces at the hackneyed British view of the archetypal Australian -G'day, sport. Givvus a Foster's, mate" - he concedes that Neighbours and Home and Away have much to answer for. "English people have this funny perception of us." he said. "I can understand why, but it's not strictly true."

His travels have produced infinitely more lively episodes, with better story-lines, too. When he played for Gilon, he was deemed a foreigner, despite his Spanish passport, because he had represented Australia. After a successful spell on loan with Jerez, in the second division, he was ready to return to Gijon.

"I got a knock on the door one morning," he recalled. "It



Bernal takes a break from training at Eim Park, where Reading entertain Manchester United tomorrow. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

service. I decided I wasn't having any of it, so I fled the country. My dad took me to Madrid airport and I pretended I was going on holiday.
"It was mainly the principle.

The Spanish FA didn't see me as a Spaniard but the military did. You can't be Spanish ion one thing and not the other." Bernal landed at Ipswich and played for a season on a part-time visa before going home. However, when he tried to return to Portman Road, he again fell victim to

the bureaucrats. "I got to Heathrow, this

to get in," he said. "In the end. he caught me out, gave me 24 hours grace and sent me

Over the next five years, he played for Sydney Olympic. cruised the beach, rode the waves, became an inspector worked for the police. A chance meeting in Sydney with Mike Hickman, then the coach at Reading, again whetted his global appetite.

"I was sort of going nowhere, so it came at a good time for me," he said. "Reading had just won the second

heard of them then, I'm sure they have now." A bittersweet reference to the 4-3 defeat by Bolton Wanderers in the firstdivision play-off final last

"It was both the best and worst day of my life," he said. here but, in faraway places, it's still a major thing. It wasn't an FA Cup Final, but who cares? Now we've got Man United in the Cup and that's brilliant."

Bernal, draft dodger and deportee, thrives on contrasts,

christened Andreas, once eked out a living by venturing upcountry in search of crocodiles. His quest for the reptilian beast long since concluded, he is less dramatically but more safely employed as a National Parks ranger.

haps taken for granted over for more, not least a regular role in Australia's 1998 World Cup qualifying campaign. They missed the 1994 finals by the most frustrating of margins, losing 2-1 on aggregate to Argentina in a two-leg decider.

He also wants to pursue his passion for acting, which he brief appearance in A Country Practice, another humdrum antipodean series inflicted on the British. "I played a sportsman who'd got injured and couldn't play again." he said. "We all have our dreams

of Hollywood, don't we?" only so long and he is still waiting for the ultimate offer. which would perhaps finally quench his thirst for continental drift. "If someone were to give me the same amount of money I carn playing football

passage of catch-foot on the part of Humphreys. There was a hazardous moment towards the end when they nearly lost contact, before to go and surf and live on the outstretched hands finally island of Bali for four years." came together. They would he said. "I'd pack up and go have hoped for better marks than they received - all but

### shaming the average stay-at-home Brit. His father, also bloke looked at my passport and I told a few porkies to try division and, although not studied in Sydney and Los Angeles and which led to a was the military police, saying shire, on the banks of the was the military police, saying Thames, with his wife, Kath- I'd got to do my 12 months many people in Australia had Stalybridge building for future Clubs seek to overturn Uefa ban

TOTTENHAM Hotspur and Wimbledon, whose meetings on the field led to acrimony, will present a united front in Geneva today as they seek to persuade Uefa to overturn a one-year ban from European compentions.

The FA Carling Premiership clubs, which were punished by the governing body of European football for their less than enthusiastic approach to the Intertoto Cup competition in the summer, will claim that they fielded weakened teams on borrowed grounds with the approval of the Football Association. "If there is any justice and common sense, it will all come out right," Gerry Francis, the Tottenharn manager, said yesterday.

"We are being backed 100 per cent by the FA and the Premier League. There is no way I would have allowed my players knowingly tobreak rules and regulations. We made sure we had approval from the people in this country. It is really a case between Uefa and the FA." Tottenham will be represented by

Alan Sugar, their chairman, and Wimbledon by Ned Hammam, the brother of the club's managing. director, Sam Hammam. Graham

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CYCLING

Kelly, the chief executive of the FA, Keith Wiseman, the Southampton chairman, and Rick Parry, the chief executive of the Premier League, will support their case.

Uefa, meanwhile, said yesterday that it would not "change overnight" to conform to the European Court of Justice's ruling on the Bosman case, which effectively outlawed the transfer system and the limit on foreign players appearing in European competitions. Lennart Johansson, the Uefa president, said that clubs would be expected to comply with the present rules at least until the end of the 1995-96 season.

STALYBRIDGE Celtic lay claim to being the only club to have resigned from the Football League When they stepped down voluntarily in 1923. They have now unveiled plans to develop Bower Fold to a standard that could get them back there (Walter Gammie writes).

In March, the club will start work on a new grandstand to replace the existing wooden structure put up in 1908, with the 700 seats lifting the total to 1,300. Stalybridge will then have to replace crush barriers that do not adhere to the Football Licensing Authority's standards to achieve their A grading.

The Vauxhall Conference club suffered another blow on Tuesday when they were knocked out of the FA Umbro Trophy at Gresley Rovers, losing the first-round replay at a wind-blown Moat Ground to the only goal, scored by Tony Marsden in injury time. The victory was a notable feather in the cap for Gresley's new management team, Paul Futcher and Garry Birtles.

Gresley's own ambitions rest on moving to a new site a quarter of a mile away on a derelict brick and pipe works. The ground has been marked out, a brook has been diverted and contracts for building

work are about to go out. Farnborough Town, scheduled to visit Bower Fold tomorrow, lost two sets of centre halves through injury in their Trophy matches against Slough Town. Keith Day and Dean Coney, on the field for just two minutes as substitute after returning from injury, were ruled out after the 1-1 draw that Slough salvaged with a 94th-minute goal by Mark West on Saturday. Richard Williams and John Underwood, their young replacements, were hurt in the replay at Wexham Park on Tuesday as Farnborough

lost 4-3.

three of them were below 5.0 but that could be a legacy of being unknown at this level. Artur Dmitriev, already a winner of Olympic, world and European pairs titles with another partner who has now retired, seems to have found a fine replacement in Oksana Kazakova. Together they won the pairs title here for Russia with a delightful performance. marred only by a twist lift that never got off the ground

because of incorrect timing. The British champions, Lesley Rogers and Michael Aldred, skated well enough within their limitations to move up from eleventh place to tenth, thereby assuring Britain of a second entry in the event next year.

and J Tromen (GB) bt A Capodimonie and D Scionino (fi) 6-1, 6-7

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# Saturation coverage takes on new meaning

er, mega-money ... "What a good idea," as the Queen Mother likes to say, to have Masters outside

From Durban, which I reached via Ladysmith, you take the road south. bypassing familiar-sounding seaside towns like Margate and Ramsgate. San Lameer is the last but one resort before the border with the Eastern Cape; it consists of a lush golf course twice voted in the top 12 of South Africa and some 150 terracotta-coloured town houses which abut the fairways and are for sale at asking prices around

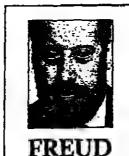
"We've had 500mm of welcome rain since the beginning of December and every care has been taken that the course is in outstanding condition." Mr Paton, the superintendent, stated. As another threefigure millimetreage descended from the heavens on the morning of the opening day, the course was how shall we put this? - wet. Wet but lush. Soft, umbrella weather. Let's not go to a golf course weather.

he Masters has a ring about it: Masters was an event to which Augusta, Georgia; green blaz-people did not go so I — and a nice man called Louis who accompanied me - were all there was in the way of "gallery".

At 6.40am, loggs, Jamieson and Kies teed off at the 1st; Moore, Sidley and Rey replicated their action at the 10th and if you were to say: "Are these names that I should recognise as golfers?", I would reply that they are indeed not household names. McNulty is the one from 132 starters who jumps from the list of runners. rings an instant bell: McNuity who is warm favourite to win; McNulty whom I saw sink a longish birdie putt at the 18th to go into the first nine holes two under par.

I have never fathorned how one man can attend a golf tournament in which 26 threesomes are played simultaneously and come up with a sharply written summary of the day's action, making especial mention of the highlights.

My report will be found to lack a certain continuity and as my notes disintegrated in the rain it contains only those details that imprinted themselves on my sodden memory. Like A Tillman (Eng), 6ft 6in and



thin as a rake. He comes from The Wildernesse club, near Sevenoaks, and had to qualify to play here. I introduced myself. He said: "My father is coming out tomorrow." Not a lot you can say to that. At the 1st he hit a poor shot on to a bank, from which it rolled down to the edge of the fairway; he had to stand a fool above the ball, which is no easy matter for a man of that height, but his second landed on the green, he carded a par four and disappeared

ON FRIDAY

into the rain. T Trodd (Eng) was playing the 12th with Mrs Trodd carrying his clubs. They said they came from Becken-ham. I said: "How are you doing?". He said: "Not well, but it will get

At the 13th tee a nice quiet girl sat by an aluminium dispenser and a stic ice-box. I asked what was her function. She replied that she was in charge of Energade, a popular soft drink, so I took a beaker and drank some. It was pink. She lives locally, heard they needed people to "man" the drinks stations around the course and landed the job: £9 a day for the four days. She has just left school, is about to get a job and is then going overseas. Where?

East Wernyss, Fife.

I said, oh yes. D Howell (Eng) played tidily but was outdriven by D Terblanche, who carriers a paunch of some significance. "How can you be so fat, man?" asked Louis, who says it like it is. "I have lost 20 kilos," Terblanche

within inches of the hole.

A young black caddie sits at the door of the clubhouse minding a golf bag, smoking a Lucky Strike, using the packet as the ashtray. A security man called Kennedy arrives and, as

said and chipped with a nine-iron to

Louis goes out and comes back, he stops him and demands his ticket. "I am with him," he says, pointing at me: Kennedy gives him a curt nod. There is about this event an overwhelming lack of occasion ... and it is not just the weather and the flies and the absence of an audience. Everything works but no one seems

to be in charge or care sufficiently. At the entrance to the club some 20 young black caddies stand around hoping for employment and I leave San Lameer and its green fairways with divots waiting to be replaced, houses waiting to be sold, security men waiting to find someone who can be given a hard time.

n the way back north I observe a hundred white bowls players in white hats on a green at Uvongo Beach, though it looks like Skegness, and I listen to the sports broadcast discussing

South Africa's pathetic performance against Egypt in the African Nations Cup tie the day before.

On consideration, give it a year or four and the SA Masters might become an event worthy of this lovely country.

# An attack of the ETs

Gosling in a Flap. Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.

The eternal question-mark in his voice singles out Ray Gosling as his The eternal question-mark in his voice singles out Ray Costing as just the man to inquire into some very odd goings-on in west Wales, to years ago. Depend on it, if a Martian landed on Gosting's front lawn and established its identity to everyone else's satisfaction, Gosting would still insist on seeing its driving licence. In the area around Haverfordwest, locals swore with hand on heart that 45 times in 1977 they had seen what they could only describe as UFOs and their passengers. "Like an inverted jelly mould," said one of them. "A man in a silver suit with what looked like an aerial protruding from his the state of the could not be suited as the could not be suited to the suite of the could not be suited to the suite of the could not be suited to the could not be shoulder," said another. Gosling does not ask this question, so I will: "But why Haverfordwest?"

The Classic Scrial: Sunset Song. Radio 4, 2.00pm.

Some Sassenachs will not have an easy time of it listening to episode one of Brian McCabe's dramatisation of Lewis Grassic Gibbon's novel. Not that Scots will lose much sleep over that. When Gibbon novel. Not that scots will lose much steep over that. When Cilibrat wrote Sunset Song and the other novels in his trilogy. A Scots Quarthe was attempting to capture the rhythms and cadences of northeast Scotland. Nonetheless, I suspect that McCabe has modified them for listeners south of the border. I understood enough of the dialogue to appreciate that Sunset Song is strong, emotional stuff that exploits is rural setting in much the same way Hardy did. Vicid Masson plays the sorely-med heroine, Chris Guthrie.

FM Stereo. 4.00mm Clive Warren 6.30 Chris Evens9.00 Sanon Mayo 12.00 Lise l'Arison, incl. at 12.30-12.45pm. Newsbeat and at 1.15 The Net 2.00 ficky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodler, incl isction 10.00 John Peel 1.00mm Rap New 4.00-6.00 Lynn Parsons

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7.30 Wogan 8.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Debble Thrower 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Howard Keel Presents Playhouse 7.30 Fiday Night Is Music Night 8.45 Whisky Galorel 9.00 Listen to the Band10.00 Archie Fisher: Radio 2 Arts Programme. The musical and poetic legacy of Robert Buns 12.05am Digby Fahrweither 1.00 Charles Nove

5.00aza Morning Reports 6.00 The Breaklast Programme, Incl 6.55, 7.56 racing preview 8.35 The Magazine 11.30 Chain Reaction 12.00 Midday with Mair, Incl at 12.34pm Moneycheck, and at 1.15 Entertainment News 2.05 Ruscoe on Five, Incl at 3.45 Entertainment News 4.00 John Invertelle, Incl at 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra 7.35 Parkinson on Sport 8.35 OR Piste 9.05 American Gratifities Stop Prese 10.05 Entertainment Superhighway 11.00 Night Eara, Incl. et 11.15 The Financial World 12.05mm Atlar Hours 2.05 Up All Night, with Richard Deliys

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All times in GMT. 5.00mm Newsday 5.30 Europe Today 6.00 Newsday 6.30 Europe 7.00 News 7.15 Frenchman's Creek 7.30 Surviving the 20th Century 8.00 News 8.10 Fath 8.15 Month Review 9.00 News in German 9.15 Fails 9.45 Sports 10.00 Newsdesk 10.38 BC English 10.45 Frenchman's Creek 11.00 Newsday 11.30 Meriden 12.00 Newsday 11.30 Meriden 12.00 Newsday 12.30 Science in Action 1.00 Newsday 2.00 News 11.5 Britain Today 12.30 News 10 German 2.15 Music Pavlew 4.00 News 1.05 Graman 2.15 Music Pavlew 4.00 News 4.15 Words 1.00 News 1.00 News 4.15 Words 1.00 News 1.00 News 8.15 Words of Faith 7.30 Mutilitack 8.00 Newsday 6.30 Newsday 6.30 Newsday 6.30 Newsday 1.15 Britain Today 9.30 People and Politics 10.00 Newday 9.30 People and Politics 10.00 Newday 1.10 News1.110 News 11.10 Spotlight 11.15 Surviving the 20th Cantury 11.45 Farming World Middight Newsday 1.35 Entain Today 1.00 News 1.18 Press Review 1.15 Seven Days 1.30 Newsday 2.30 People and Politics 1.20 Newsday 2.30 People 2.00 Newsday 2.30 People and Politics 1.20 Newsday 1.30 News 1.18 Press Review 1.15 Seven Days 1.30 Newsday 2.30 People and Politics 1.00 New 3.15 Sport 1.30 Vintegu Chart Show 4.00 Newsday 4.30 Juzz Now and Then 1.45 Soven Days 1.30 Newsday 2.30 People and Politics 1.00 Newsday 2.30 People and Politics 1.

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Paul Gambaccini, Scaratti
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Stokowski (Toccata and Fugue in D minor)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Prokofiev (Symphonic Song; Music for Children; Cantata, Zchavitsa, Hall to Stalin)

1.00pm St David's Hall Recital, Julian Lloyd Webber, cello, John Lenehan, piano, periorm Britten (Cello Sonata); James MacMillan (Kiss on Wood); William Lloyd Webber (Noctume); Delius (Cello Sonata)

Sonata) 2.00 Schools. Let's Make a Story

Schoots. Let's Make a Story 2.15 Music Box 2.30 Dance Workshop 2.50 Poetry Comer Mining the Archive. Paul Guinery and Lestie Howard survey the recorded legacy of the pianist and accompanist Geoffrey Persons.

The Per Atan Walker pays a visit to the Polish Roman Casholic community in Islington, London (4/8)
4.30 Brazil: Samba on a Plata—Samba de Roda de Sauerdick performs the music of the plantetion slaves from Bahla 5.00 The Music Bahlachiner Furus

Torrery Pearson coneiders musical forms 5.15 in Tune, presented by Natelle

Wheen 7.30 Scottish Chember Orchestra under Mikha Pleiney, live from City Hall, Glasgow, Featuring Schubert (Symphony No 5 in 8 flat); Mozert (Rondo in D); 8.15 Commercial Necessity.
Christopher Robson on musical arrangements; 8.36 Beethoven, arr Pletney (Clarinet Concerto, arr from the Violin Concerto) 9.30 The Maxtor Festival, The left of this under a month. last of this week's reports from Maxton Market Garden 9.50 Hear and Now. The second

in a series of concerts from the institute of Contemporar Arts in London, Featuring Adam Gorb (Pretude, Interlude and Postlude): Intertuce and Postude;
Jonathan Harvey (Tombesu
de Messiaen); Steve
Montague (Silence, John,
Yvar and Tim), Adrian Jack
(String Charlet No 2); Michael
Daugherty (Paul Robeson
Told Me); George Crumb
Black Angelst; and Michael (Black Angels); accorge curumo (Black Angels); and Michael Nymen (Trombone Concerto) 12.00 - 1.00em Seltt, Smoke, Satire. The fourth in a six-part series tracing the history of cabaret presented by Robert Zienler

5.55em Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing, inci weather 6.10 Faming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day, with Denis Nowlan 6.30 Today, with John Humphrys and Arna Fond. Incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Diseas. Sue Lawley's casteway is Chill Bouchier (f) 9.45 Feedback, presented by Chris Durkley 10.00 10.30 News; Gosting in a Rap (FM only). See Choice

Pap (FM only). See Choice 10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only) 10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only) 10.30 Woman's Host, introduced from Manchester by Shella McClennon, Serial: Mother of Deed by Many Manine (110)

McClermon, Sena: Mother of Pearl, by Mary Morrisey (7/12) 11.30 The Natural Hastery Programme 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.25pm The Food Programme, presented by Darek Cooper 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

Clarke 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Classic Serial: Sunset Song (r) See Choice 3.00 News, The Afternoon Shift,

with Laurie Taylor

4.00 News 4.05 Kateldoscope.

Tim Marlow reviews the
Susan Hillier exhibition at the
Tate Callery, Liverpool, and
the play Starghar-Cay

4.45 Short Story: Confession at
Altitude, by Alexander McCall
Smith. Read by Paul Young
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5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

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8.05 Any Questions? Jonathen Dimbleby chairs a topical. discussion in Margate. On the panel are Jamet Deley, journalist; Baroness Jay of Paddington; the Bishod of Rochester, the Rr Rev Dr Michael Nazir-Ali; and Sir George Young, MP, Secretary of State for Transport
8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berlins

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9.15 Letter from America by
Alistati Cooke
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10.45 Book at Bedtime: Love in the Time of Cholers, by Gabriel Garcié Marquez (10/15)
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# Daly loses pounds in pursuit of further riches

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN SINGAPORE

THERE are those in golf who marvel at John Daly's prodigious talent while despairing at his lapses from conventionally acceptable behaviour. Daly, you see, is like the little girl in the poem: when he is good he is very, very good and when he is bad he is horrid.

He was very, very good when he won the Open, at St Andrews last July, and horrid when he flew into Jamaica for the world championship last month and, without any signs of making a serious attempt at practice, recorded four rounds

At the Johnnie Walker Classic here, there has been reason for cautious optimism that Daly has at last realised that performances such as his in Jamaica are unacceptable. A first round of 67, five under par, represents one of his

owest starts for some time. It was 13 strokes fewer than his first round in Jamaica. where he took an eight on his opening hole. He was long, hit the ball straight and putted well and, when he does that. then a low score is inevitable. He and Ernie Els were the

equal best of the six men who have won major championships, beating the 68 by Fred Couples and Bernhard Langer, the 69 by Ian Woosnam and the 71 by Greg Norman. Daly and Els are one stroke behind Brad Hughes, of Australia, and Olle Karlsson, of

Daly had arrived in Singapore on Monday, after an 18-hour flight from the United States, and almost immediately made his way to the practice ground, where he hit balls and putted for more than two hours. This was in marked contrast to his behaviour in

Perhaps someone had got to him and said that he had better not behave in January in the Far East as he had done

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Aus)

in December in the West

A further si n of Delv's intent is that he has begun to lose weight. He is down from 15 stone to 1312 and the belt of his trousers has been taken in by two inches. "When I found myself looking fatter than Fuzzy Zoeller. I thought to myself 'this is getting ridicu-lous', " Daly, who are several chocolate chip muffins during each round at St Andrews.

"My waist was 38 [inches]

then. Now I am off burgers and chocolate and I want to lose another 15 pounds."

Daly is a complex character. one who can charm the birds out of the trees one minute and do something daft the next. in conversation, late on Wednesday afternoon, he was his relaxed and beguiling self and he put his finger on one of the characteristics that have dogged his meteoric and turbulent

"I love where my career is," he said, "but I do not like my consistency." He has realised that few golfers have won three major championships before they are 30 -- and, with two already under his belt and his thirtieth birthday not until after the Masters, in April, he has a chance to join them.

There are some certainties about this part of the world in January. One is that Raffles Hotel will be serving Singapore Slings, another that torrential rain falls at four o'clock each day. Play was interrupted for two hours vesterday a rain hammered into the

course with malicious intent. Such a downpour comes as a welcome relief from the sultry heat of the rest of the day, when the sun causes many locals to walk around shielding themselves beneath umbrellas, but it does seem to call into question the wisdom of staging a tournament as important as this one at the end of the monsoon season.



Daly in action at the Tanah Merah Country Club. Photograph: David Cannon/Alisport

### France recall Penaud to face Scots and is due to grow next season TEAM - perhaps to 32 clubs in a two-Castaignede the centre pairing tier event. The meeting today

FRANCE, forced by their own disciplinary procedures to change a winning XV. yesterday recalled the mercurial Alain Penaud to the side which will play Scrilland at Murrayfield in the second round of rugby union's five nations' championship on

February 3. Having suspended Richard Dourthe for 30 days after he kicked Ben Clarke during the defeat of England last Saturday, the French have restored Penaud, but at centre rather than his accustomed position of stand-off half.

There had been speculation that Philippe Carbonneau would move from scrum half to replace Dourthe and there-

Answers from page 35 RORKE'S DRIFT

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which has served Toulouse so well this season.

Toulouse and other leading French clubs will join col-leagues from England, Scotland. Wales and Italy in a Association of Professional Rugby Clubs. Though no delegates are expected from freland, their representatives have also been involved in

WORD-WATCHING

(b) Immediately after the virtual annihilation of a substantial British force

at Isandiwana in January 1879, about 4,000 Zulus moved on to attack the

station at Ranke's Drift, garrisoned by a small detachment of regular soldiers, mainly Welsh. They numbered only about 200 or so, including non-combatants, orderlies, Taffy camp-followers, etc. But unbelievably they held out against the Zulus, who finally withdrew. Many decorations

(a) The British smooth-hore flimilock musket, as opposed to the more

accurate Baker rifle used by the 95th Foot (The Rifle Brigade). Both pieces

were muzzle-loaders, but the rilling made the Baker slower to load but more likely to hit the bull's eye or the enemy. The French holishly rejected

(b) A devastating trampled-earth cavalry campaign. The English idea of total war, designed to break the enemy's (usually French) morale. It was first seriously practised in the 1339 campaign during the Hundred Years'

War. "What makes the 1339 campaign of particular interest is the misery inflicted on French non-combatants. Henceforth the chevachee, a raid

which systematically devastated enemy territory was used as much as

(b) Manors in Bucks, "Tring, Wang & Ivinghoe! Hampden of Hampden did forego! For striking of the Black Prince a blow! And glad he could escapen so." | am presty sure it was a row over tennis. Anyway, Hampden

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surprisingly kept his head, if not his commuter suburbs.

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rifles on the ground that they took too long to load

PRANCE: J-L. Sadourny (Cotomiera); E. Namack (Toutouse), A Pansaud (Erwe), T. Castagniede (Toutouse), P. Saint-Andrié (Montierrand, captain), T. Lacrotx (Dax), P. Carborneau (Toutouse), M. Périé (Touton), J-M. Gonzales (Bayonne), C. Callano (Toutouse), A. Berrazzi (Agen), D. Galannes (Ruong), P. Pelous (Dax), L. Cabannes (Ruong), P. Pelous (Dax), L. Cabannes (Ruong), P. Pelous (Dax), Replacements: P. Bernat-Salles (Begles-Bordeaux), 6. Giles (Bourgon), G. Accoorbienry (Bégles-Bordsaux), L. Bénézech (Raong), M. de Pougament (Touton), R. Castel (Toutouse)

representatives of the unoffirial European league, fronted by Ross Turnbull, the former Australian administrator, whose organisation has until

At least the official European competition, the Heineken Cup. began this season

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will look at its structure and

present the clubs' views to Five

Nations Rugby Ltd., the tour-

Such a competition, involv-

ing eight English, Welsh and French clubs, three from Ire-

land and Scotland, and two

from Italy, would run counter

to the Anglo-Welsh league

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envisaged by the English and Welsh unions.

BNGLAND STUDENTS (v Welsh Sudents, Rosslyn Park, February 2)\* C Cetting (Enrich; S Rober (Guy's Hospata), M Allen (Loughborough), M Denney (Bisstol), D Luper (Manchester); R Buttand (Bahl), S Cook (Nosecastie), D Malloy (Tharmes Valley), C Johnson (Loughborough), M Sheley (Nemeastel), A Bermett (Leeds Metropoliza), R Braanley (Carrbridge, coptam), D Generooch (Manchester Metropolisa), A Pourthney (De Mortfart), P Scrivener (Buriel) Registements J Utton (Rossing), F Waters (Enstol), N Weishe (Angeston), D Macer (Caford Brooks), M Long (Nostrumbria), C Yandet (Swarsse)

nament organisers.

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### Heathrow hotel today for the formation - mooted earlier this month - of a European

talks this week,

involving some 60 clubs, the association represents a significant move towards a united front in negotiations with potential sponsors and their own governing bodies. At the same time they will be able to speak with one voice with

January 31 to establish its credentials.

# Stylish new gang pull off daylight robbery An hour before the return of NYPD Blue last night, a wan heist, involving an escaped trumette), one black, one maverick Takers team (the recognised quota one nice blonde, one shrewd brumette), one black, one maverick Well, all this will mean nothing to non-fans. But the hooked contingent were so worried about Marring ent were so worried about Marring ent were so worried about Marring that many of us lost all the heavy westerday that they had their one usestion here we

very familiar) set of staccato drumming noises, played over snatched, cinematic shots of a city, its people and its cops caught in cameo expressions. The point where homage becomes rip-off was reached so quickly here in fact ("Look, it's NYPD Blue done by somebody weightless and panicky. Was ITV's Thief Takers a spoof — perhaps a superior version of The Detectives? But wasn't it supposed to be an upto-date Sweeney, without the ma-roon suits and Ford Cortinas?

Any confusion about spoof status was soon cleared up by the brilliant special effects of the ensuing scene — a car-bomb exploding outside a prison wall. the blast ripping through a sunny cul-de-sac of modern houses. From this point on, there unfolded a

bent, vengeful driver (Andrew

There was no problem about it being a send-up because such a strategy entails personality - a quality oddly absent here. Instead, this was formula television, cumningly blent, and with sky-high production values but with the guest stars so far eclipsing the regulars that it looked almost like d manners. Lame quips such as He's the man who put the word kill back in psychopath" didn't help the poor inferior Regan substitutes much either.

Wearily, warily, one shakes hands with another team of colourless armed professionals, who banter in offices, never say "Bye" when they hang up and save each others' skin by the use of firearms. There are two girls on the Thief

eyed supremo, one Scot. In future weeks, one of these people will turn out to be alcoholic, or my name's not WPC Winston Kit-Kat ("Crackers") McFee. Of the team police dramas most recently on offer, the best by far was Out of the Blue. But Thief Takers is after a different audience - and is symptomatically shot in sunny daylight as opposed to rainy night. To quote its producer. Gina Cronk, "There's always room for a police series that says, these are the bad guys, we don't like them. Let's kick their

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the real thing - NYPD Blue - returned to Channel 4 at 10pm and it was like Thief Takers turned inside out. The crime was soon forgotten amid the flurry of personal soap-opera

doors down and arrest them"."



Lynne Truss

events afflicting the men and women of the blah-blah precinct. Martinez was shot, for a start that sweet, keen boy whom viewers have known since he was a puppy! Donna the secretary nervously adjusted her stiff bouffant (it would stop a bullet) and asked Jimmy Smits if he would "like to see her socially". Sipowicz and Sylvia found out they may be pregnant

sympathy for his traumatic paralysis. Every time his neurologist stuck a pin in his leg ("Feel that?"), we shouted in dismay, "No! No, nothing!" Medavoy paced up and down, blaming himself; while the real culprit was a cop on an undercover operation, whom the DA wanted left alone. (Is that a "sweetheart deal"? I wish I knew terms like that.) Often in the blahblah precinct, loyal hard-working men fume and kick furniture when they hear the unjust ruling from above; and then they recklessly bypass authority to get what they want. Last night was no exception

NYPD Blue has great charac-ters; it's as simple as that. And their history is vividly imprinted on the viewer's mind. Martinez was sent a crucifix by "John". Meanwhile, Sipowicz and Sylvia having a baby? And it seems like only yesterday that they had their first date, with Sipowicz mopping his brow over a big steak dinner. "I sweat when I eat," he shrugged, defensively. She smiled. "I like that

ailing the guilty had a good night last night. Thief Takers kicked the door down; NYPD Blue blew the whistle to the press; and in Traces of Guilt (BBC2) forensic archeologists found conclusive proof of massacres in Guatemala - massacres that are still officially

Considering how a forensic science series might have turned out - the equivalent of a tacky True Crime shelf — Traces of Guilt is excellent; a miracle of good taste. And if it was less dramatically

mas, blame reality. Only in the real world can you prove guilt but not cuff the "perps" and lead them off to the cells.

The perps in question here were a band of soldiers who rounded up Mayan women and children one sunny day in 1982. By opening the mass graves 12 years later, forensic genius Clyde Snow could establish the truth. Officially, these people were caught in crossfire. But the villagers claim children had their arms lopped off and received machete blows to the head. This was all borne out by solid bone.

Dr Snow has a slow southern drawl punctuated by drags on a cigar - in a western they would call him Old-Timer. But age lends authority, and smoking has gravelled his tonsils. When he pushes back his hat, rests his big belly on a fence and says: There is a fence and says: There is abundant evidence of homicide," he sounds like the voice of God.

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10.00 News (Ceelax) (3146571) 10.05 Cart's Cook, Won't Cook (s) (6812152) 10.30 Good Morning (s) (67305) 12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6958133)

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> 10.25 Film: Alive (1992). starring Ethan Hawke. When a plane crashes in the Andes, killing several passengers and crew, the survivors must overcome the unthinkable and eat the flesh of those who died. Directed by Frank Marshall (Ceefax) (s) (875688) WALES: 10.25 All Our Lives (537572) 10.55 Bowls (777336) 11.45 FILM: Alivel (796510) 1.45am News headlines and weather (2893) 14) 12.25 FILM: Django (1966) starring Franco Nero. Spagnetti western, set on the American-Mexican border. A former Union soldier wreaks vengeance on the Ku Klux Klan. Directed by Sergio Corbucci (2819534)

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8.35 The Record (a) (9324423) 9.00 Consuming Passions (6274133) 9.05 Daytime on Two

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5.55 My Village. Kitingworth, an old pit village near Newcastle upon Tyne (833572) 6.00 The Munsters (b/w). Classic ghoulish humour from America. (Ceefax) (118775)

6.25 The New Avengers: Dead Men Are Dangerous. Steed's ratures home to find his possessions are plundered (r). (Caetax) (584510)

7.15 Electric Circus. magazine (s) (779220) 7.30 Sounds of the Eighties. Musical memories, this week focusing on soul

and funk (Ceetax) (s) (249) 8.00 Top Geer Motorsport. Steve Berry reports on Britain's first indoor motorcycling trising event at the Sheffield

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9.00 Rab C. Nesbitt. More wit and wisdom from Glaswegian philosopher. (Cestax) (a) (1404)

9,30 The Fast Show. Comedy sketch series (f). (Casiax) (s) (39065)



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10.30 Newsnight, (Ceefex) (213713) 11.15 Fantasy Football League, David Baddlei and Frank Skinner are joined by Danny Baker and Dani Behr (s) (369775) 11.45 Weather (868846)

11,50 European Figure Skating Championshipe Highlights of the free dance (811323)

12.40 FILM: Australia (1989) sterring Jaremy Irons and Fanny Ardant. A drama about a Belgian living in Australia and involved in the wool trade who returns to his native country when business hits a bad patch, leaving behind his 12-year-old daughter. Directed by Jeen-Jacques Andrien (376911). Ends at 2.40em

### CHOKE THE Paul Merton in Galton and Simpson's ...

ITV, 8.30pm It may be a sign of the paucity of new comedy material that television's latest sit-com venture is a revival of scripts by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson, some of them well over 30 years old. Paul Merton is the star of all eight programmes, five of them old Tony Hancock vehicles, Traditionalists, who cannot see anybody but Hancock in The Lift or The Radio Ham, may take some convincing. Although Merion wisely avoids any attempt at impersonation, the ghost of Hancock cannot help haunting the project. Those who recall Twelve Angry Men, a spoof of the Henry Ponda film, will experience the the state of the learn and the state of th another ghostly presence, that of Sid James here given flesh by Sam Kelly, But there will be many viewers too young to have known the originals and much of the dialogue is as fresh and funny as ever.

Inspector Wexford Special: Shulsola

It is three years since Ruth Rendell's dogged detective solved his last televised case. As all the Wexford stories had been screened, and Rendell had decided against writing any more, that seemed to be that. But Rendell relented and Wexford is back, reassuringly embodied by George Baker. The Wexford cases are as much whodunnits as Agatha Christie's, but with darker undertones and believable characters. Simisola, which has been adapted in three parts by the admirable Alan Plater, works both as a satisfying puzzle and a subtle treatment of race prejud Nigerian doctors daughter goes missing and one of the last people to see her alive is found strangled at home. The conventions of the genre demand that there must be a connection and the challenge for the gruff. stolid and patient Wexford, and indeed for us, is to tease it out.

The Real McCoy BBC2, 10,000m

EastEnders takes itself so seriously that it tries out to be lampooned and the gifted all-black cornedy team continues to oblige. From to ghastly Grant and bossy Peggy, the voices and mannerisms are spot on. To say that the send-up is so much furnier than the original is not meant to be faint praise, even if EastEnders is hardly famous for its laughs. Elsewhere The Real McCoy offers the usual mixture of sketches, some inevitably more successful than others but all performed with pace and verve. There is also a spot for Geoff Schuman, who is not only one of the largest stand-up comics to have been on television recently but, on this evidence, one of the more promising.

The Girlie Show Channel 4, 11.05pm

As the series is put together at the last minute this can only be a second-hand and not a first-hand report. But Channel 4's new venture for the youth market seems certain to rustle a few feathers which, judging by the advance publicity, is exactly what it is trying to do. The show is presented by women, and for women, though it hopes that men will watch as well and be suitably offended Resident presenters are Sara Cox (20), who is billed as "cheeky, sexy and smart" with a filithy sense of humour"; Clare Gorham (29), a journalist with a spiky tongue; and Rachel Williams (28), a "brazen, gorgeous" American supermodel. The first programme offers a searching look at the male species and a girls' night out in Liverpool. A regular feature on women of the 1990s kicks off with a profile of La India, the salsa queen of New York City. Peter Waymark

### HTV

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5.10 A Country Practice (8) (6728404) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (665607) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletaxt) (105201) 6.25 HTV News (208862) 6.45 Sportsweek (171404)

7.00 Family Fortunes. This week the Tickle family compete against the Pughs of Stockport (Teletext) (s) (r) (9085) 7.30 Coronation Street, Tricia column home to an uncertain future and Requel and

Curly play matchmeker (Teletext) (775) 8.00 The Bill: One Night With You. Deakin discovers an evil and sinister ring which may hold a clue to the disappearance of a five-year-old boy (Telstaxt) (8713)



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10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (405317) 10.40 FILM: The Woman Who Sinned (1991) starring Susan Lucci, Tim Matheson and Michael Dudikoff. An unfulfilled businesswomen longs for excitement and attempts to find it in an extra-marital affair. Directed by Michael Switzer (Teletext) (s) (74840997) 12.25em Hotel Babylon. Dani Behr's guesis

include Chelsea footballer Ruud Gullit and singer Sheryl Crow (4537992) 1.05 The Good Sex Guide ... Late (8040350) 2,06 FILM: The Outsider (1983) starring Jean-Paul Belmondo and Henry Silva, A

maverick cop breaks all rules in his pursuit of a drugs ring (187621) 3.55 Live from London (r) (s) (5821283) 5.00 On the Live Side (88089) **6.30 Morning News** (26058)

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1.25 Coronation Street (32695775) 1.85 Home and Away (76725775) 2.25 Wish You Were Hera...? (18660794) 2.55-3.20 Cet Crazy (1322171) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6728404)

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11.05 The Girlie Show (360220) 11.55 Beavis and Butt-head (455572) 12.25am Film: Stars and Bars (831263) 2.05 Film: The Tin Star (991911)

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7.00 The Big Breakfast (16201) 9.00 Fifteen to One (r) (Teletext) (s) (96862)

9.30 Schools: Eurekal (3063688) 9.45 Stop Look Listen (3084171) 10.00 Fourways Farm (9641161) 10.10 Eurokids (7085268) 10.25 Technology Prog (7073423) 10.40 Off Limits (753062) 11.05 Back Tracks (8395084) 11.20 Stage One (8383249) 11.35 Schools at Work (1099201) 11.40 How We Used to

Live (5084084) 12.00 Gardens Without Borders (r), (Teletext)

12.30pm Sesame Street with Randy Travis (28152) 1.30 Camberwick Green (r) (43268) 2.00 Casts (s) (18665249)

2.25 FILM: The Perfect Woman (1949. b/w) Fast-moving farce starring Patricia Roc as a woman who causes comic chaos when she takes the place of her inventor uncle's life-like female robot Directed by Bernard Knowles (Teletext) (420620)

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6.00 Blossom: Hunger (r). (Teletext) (s) (881) 6.30 Happy Days: Motorcycle (r). (Teletext)

7.00 Channel 4 News and weather (Teletext) (405959) 7.55 Book Choice. Lady Colin Campbell reviews the latest books on the Queen, including Sarah Bradford's recent tome. (Teletext) (s) (731220)

8.00 Gerdens Without Borders. Alan Mason meets the ex-pats at the Moraira Gardeners' Circle, north of Benidorm, Spain (Telelext) (s) (6355) 8.30 Brookeide. (Teletext) (s) (5862)

9.00 Cybill: Look Who's Stalking. American sit-com starring Cybill Shepherd and Bruce Davison. (Teletext) (5) (6572) 9,30 Rising Damp: Helio Young Lovers (r)

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Williams, Cox and Gorham (11.05pm)

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2.05 FILM: The Tin Star (1957, b/w) starring Henry Fonds as a one-time sheriff turned bounty hunter who saves an inexperienced lawman's life Directed by Anthony Mann (991911). Ends at 3.45am

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# Asprilla heads for Newcastle and more controversy

FAUSTINO ASPRILLA was heading for Newcastle last night, intent on completing drawn-out negotiations over his proposed £6.7 million transfer to Newcastle United Football Club. Before he can finalise the lucrative move from Parma, however, he must first convince the Immigration Office that he should be allowed to remain in England.

Asprilla is serving a one-year offences in his native Colombia. He must report, monthly, to his nearest Colombian consulate as part of his release arrangements. It is a situation which has aroused the interest of the immigration authorities.

Under immigration law, any person with a criminal record attempting to enter the United Kingdom can be refused admission. Home Office officials confirmed last night that Asprilla will have to persuade them that his offence was a minor one before he is given

The Colombian is no stranger to

controversy and his acquisition by Newcastle has raised a few eyebrows within football. He leaves Parma under a cloud after a dispute with the Italian club's coach and general manager

Several episodes have aroused the interest of the Italian media, including an alleged relationship with an Italian actress. Newcastle officials, however, are confident of securing his untroubled passage into this

Parma confirmed that the international forward had left their club last night, intent on forging a new career in England. "He was due to fly to Milan and then on to London," a spokesman said.

Asprilla is expected to arrive in Newcastle this morning, where he hopes to resolve the question of how a £2 million signing on fee will be paid by his proposed new club. It is this detail which has so far prevented the deal from being completed.

Asprilia was not the only footballer to have trouble with the authorities yesterday. Paul Gascoigne, the England international and Rangers

face a charge, in a Rome court early in October, of assault on a photographer in an incident in the city two

Mel Stein, Gascoigne's solicitor, confirmed last night that his client would be denying the charge — and filing a counter claim with the civil courts in Italy. Stein explained that the incident took place after Gascoigne attempted to remove a film from the photographer's

camera.
There is no case to answer and

midfield player, learnt that he will we will certainly be contesting this one," Stein said: "It is outrageous. We consider that, time and time again, Paul was subjected to an invasion of privacy under Italian law, and that is a matter we will be

"What they did was hound Paul and other stars - until he cracked. In this incident he merely reacted as any person would do in the same circumstances. It was perfectly rustified."

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### bid to mount title challenge ruled out

By SRIKUMAR SEN BOXING CORRESPONDENT

JOE BUGNER'S applica tion to challenge Scott Welch, of Shoreham, for Commonwealth down by the Commonwealth Boxing Council.

Frank Warren, who hoped to promote the bout, now intends to bring the 45-year-old Australian over to meet Welch in March for the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) international title, which Welch also holds.

Bugner has had only one contest in eight years, recently beating Vince Cervi to become Austra-Council, one bout in eight years does not give Bugner contender status, however.

Warren has told the British Boxing Board of Control of his intention to stage the WBO International contest, but the promoter has yet to hear whether Bugner will be given a permit to box in

John Morris, the secre tary of the British board, said yesterday, however "I personally don't think it's good for boxing to go through the Joe Bugger syndrome again. But the Board will consider any application." Warren said: "I don't see

how the board can stop him boxing for the WBO international title. The see any problem with the fight if Bugner is medically fit. They can reject him only on medical grounds.

It's a good fight against Welch, a 50-50 fight. No-body is saying it's a bad match. All they are saying is: "How old is he?" I cannot see them rejecting him because of his age f he is medically fit; look at Andries, Foreman and Holmes. But I've always

gone along when fighters have not passed medicals." Bugner was stopped by Frank Bruno when he last boxed in Britain, in 1987.

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# Huber taken aback by final chance

FROM STUART JONES. TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN MELBOURNE

hierarchy of the women's game, Monica Seles made one undiplomatic omission in an otherwise predictable list. She failed to mention the name of Anke Huber, the 21-year-old German who is to oppose her in the final of the Australian

Oper.
There is a danger, as Huber herself admitted, that she may be treated equally dismissively on the court tomorrow. in their six previous matches. she has not taken a set, even when Seles was feeling her way during her competitive comeback at the Canadian Open five months ago.
It was then, amid all the

hoop-la, that Seles confessed that the Australian Open would be her first realistic chance of collecting another grand-slam title, her ninth. She almost ran ahead of her own schedule, reaching the final of the US Open, where she submitted in three sets to

As Germany's No I is absent through injury, Germany's No 2 has filled the role of challenger. Huber was taken aback on two counts. First, on her own behalf. "This is a big surprise," she said after eliminating Amanda Coetzer, a fellow member of the top 20. Curiously, they had never met

Secondly, Huber thought that Seles's unbeaten record. not only in the championships

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IN HER assessment of the but also in Australia, should have been ended by the revelation of the formight.

Chanda Rubin, as well as establishing a record for durability in the semi-final against Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, was on the verge of creating more

indelible history.

The 19-year-old held two points to lead 5-1 in the final set and served for the match at 5-3. Her nerves did not fail her; nor were they likely to. She has, after all, successfully endured the longest women's matches here and at Wim-.bledon. Instead she was let

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down by the policy which, at deuce, took her to within a couple of points of her finest victory. She took her natural aggression too far. "I still tried to go for it," she said, "but I couldn't close it out."

One point, in particular, she would happily replay. At 5-3 and 30-15, she told herself to make sure of the first ser After disobeying the advice, her second attempt was not only also long but unnecessarily fiery. At 153kph, it was faster than any of Huber's later in the afternoon.

Yet Rubin recognised the futility of diffidence. "If you don't dictate, she will," she said. The theory had been graphically illustrated during

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the second set. The American, serving at 2-1 and 40-30, retreated to a defensive position and conceded 16 points in

and forehand, Rubin is armed with the weapons to infiltrate the top ten. All she needs is the belief that she can be more than a mere contender. Significantly, her ambitions at present lie no further than winning a tournament on the Tour this year".

Coetzer, after being defeated by Seles in the final of the Canadian Open, suggested that the world's joint No I would not be so dominant once she and her peers had been come accustomed to her style. So it has proved. Lind-Davenport, for instance, held a match point against Seles in Sydney a formight

ago. Seles is more vulnerable than her rivals might have previously imagined. Having committed only four unforced errors in the first set, for instance, she made three dur-Rubin to assume control. Moreover, the comparatively inexperienced American was responsible for yielding the crucial points in the closing stages through her adventurous strategy rather than Seles taking the initiative. Stefan Edberg, who was eliminated from the singles in

the second round, earned himself a last hurrah. Having announced that he is to retire this year, he and Petr Korda went through to the final of the doubles by beating the No.4 seeds, Patrick Galbraith and Andrei Olhovskiy, in three

Martin Lee and James Trotman, the Wimbledon boys doubles champions and seeded No 2 here, went through to the semi-final. Both of them were eliminated prematurely in the singles, but in defeating Andrea Capodi-monte and Dario Sciortino, of Italy, the No6 seeds, they earned themselves compensation.



Huber drives a double-handed backhand during her three-set victory over Coetzer in Melbourne yesterday

# West Indies lose Hooper

WEST Indies' hopes of win-ning the cricket World Cup were seriously weakened yes-terday when Carl Hooper, their leading all-rounder, was suddenly withdrawn from the 4-man party for the tournament that opens on February

4 (Simon Wilde writes). The reasons for the decision, us given in a statement issued by the West Indies Cricket Board of Control, were sufficiently vague to invite compar-

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"No opponent has resorted

team me and chop it off.

isons with the last-minute withdrawal of Brian Lara last month from the team to visit Australia. The statement referred to Hooper's "mental and physical state" during the past year but gave no further

The move was initiated by Hooper himself, who pulled out of the Guyana side for a Red Stripe Cup match in which he had to appear to fulfil his contractual qualifica-

tions for the World Cup. Unlike Lara, Hooper, Kent's overseas player, appears to have been quick to apologise for causing inconvenience. He has asked for the chance to serve the team again, although he will not play against New Zealand when they tour the Caribbean after the World Cup. Hooper's place has gone, rather unex-pectedly, to a fast bowler, Cameron Cuffy.

### Greene ready for hair-raising event Oliver Holt uncovers a player bracing

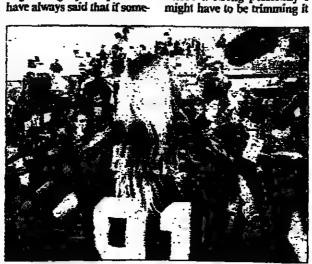
The American lust for sporting firsts that reaches its fevered height during the Super Bowl is preparing to be sated by a particularly unusual statistic this year. Kevin Greene, a key linebacker for the Pittsburgh Steelers in the match against the Dallas Cowboys here in Phoenix on Sunday, may be about to become the first player to have his hair cut during the game.

Greene, 33, whose job is to try to disrupt the brilliant Cowboys offence, rebelled against his father, who was a colonel in the US Army, and ignored the pleas of his wife. Tara, when he vowed last year not to cut his blond hair until the Steelers had played in the Super Bowl. It now cascades down over his shoulders. making him one of the most immediately recognisable

players in the sport. But Greene, who grew up on military bases in North America and Germany and is a tank commander in the Army reserve, admitted yesterday that he may be forced to shear off his locks during the game if Erik Williams, the most notoriously rough offensive tackle in the National Football League, resorts to pulling his hair to stop him making important plays. "I want to win this thing

himself for the chop at the Super Bowl before I cut these locks." Greene said at the Sun Devil one does and it keeps me from making a play then it's not worth having it long and I'd have it cut. If anybody's going Stadium, where the match will be played. "The wife will be ready. I think she's going to to grab it, it might be the have the scissors with her.

Cowboys. The only way I'll be able to keep Erik Williams's hands out of my face is to keep She's going to come on the field and start chopping as a chainsaw in my back pocket soon as the game is over. I and the way he plays, he's my dad. They want to double going to do everything hemanly possible to keep somebody from making a play. So there's a strong possibility I to grabbing my hair yet and I might have to be trimming it



Greene's flowing blond locks have become his trademark

as the game is going on. We'll cross that bridge when we come to it."

Greene's quandary comes gainst a backdrop of hirsute uper Bowl issues. Neil O'Donnell, the Steelers quarterback, had confessed that he was under pressure from his agent to shave off his beard before the game. The agent Leigh Steinberg, said a cleanshaven look would make O'Donnell appear "more ac-ossible" but his client resisted his overtures.

Three years ago, Jimmy Johnson, the former Cowhoys coach who has just taken over from Don Shula at the Miami Dolphins, even answered questions at Super Bowl press conferences on his famously tousled hair. Greene, though is keen to cut his locks out of the spotlight if possible.

"It has never been this long before and it will never be this long again," he said. "It is a once in a lifetime thing. I envisage the wife and I getting home to Alabama and going out on the back porch, just her and I, and putting a sheet around me. Then we'll tie a pin on the back and 12 give her the scissors and say, 'Babe, have fun'. That's what I envisage and I just hope it will be possible."

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Critics fear Yeltsin's choice of 'dinosaur' to run financial policy may turn back the clocks

# Kremlin puts industrialist at helm of ailing economy

PRESIDENT. Yeltsin yesterday appointed a controversial industrialist to head Russia's policy, prompting style economic practices did not suit Russia. economic policy, prompting renewed fears about the Kremlin's commitment to reforming the economy: Vladimir Kadannikov, 54,

who headed Russia's largest car producer, was appointed Deputy Prime Minister in charge of the economy to replace Anatoli Chubais, the pro-Western reformer who masterminded the country's privatisation programme.

The move, although predicted, was greeted with widespread disappointment in the business community and could delay, or even derail, a \$9 billion (£6 billion) LMF loan due to be finalised by the end

of this month. "This week Yeltsin made a point of telling Western investors how committed he was to eform, said one banker, Then he goes and appoints this dinosaur to run the economy. What does he expect us to

The threat of a U-turn in Russian economic policy, way from reform and back towards protectionism and government subsidies, was already signalled by Oleg Soskovets, the First Deputy Prime Minister, who on Wednesday stated that Western-

The Kremlin's apparent change of policy seems aimed at wooing disaffected voters away from the Communists, who came out ahead in last month's parliamentary polls, and back to President Yelsin, in time for his re-election bid in June.

However, the factic of subsidising loss making industries. increasing pensions and freezing reforms could backfire badly if inflation rises and the stabilised rouble begins once again to lose its value.

Anticipating criticism from Russian liberals and a pos-



Kadannikov: his policy may threaten reforms

Volga-based company still produces vehicles and mansible backlash in the markets. President Yeltsin moved quickly to ease fears, by reconages to pay its 100,000-man firming that he regarded eco-nomic reform as "the most workforce, unlike many other Russian industries, it has important thing" in his political life. "I do not intend to betray it," he said in a speech market realities. It is heavily in debt, dangerously infiltrat-ed by the mafia and its cars to students last night. He also made a bold pledge on timely payments. Beginning on are widely regarded as unreli-able, outdated and overpriced, payments. Beginning on March I, I am taking under "Look what is happening to VAZ and you will understand my personal control the timely payment of wages, students' what will happen to Russia," stipends and pensions," he said Andrei Illyaronov, an told the audience. economist.

In spite of his poor manage-rial skills, Mr Kadannikov However, his reassurances on economic reform failed to has proved a skilful player in make much impact with Western investors in Russia who Moscow, where he has mainregarded Mr Chubais as a tained close links with powerful figures in the Kremlin, including President Yeltsin, guarantor of reform and who view Mr Kadannikov as an old-style Soviet factory boss more interested in subsidising who considered him for Prime Minister in 1992 and protecting Russian indus-

successful completion of re-

form without lifting the do-

estic branches of industry."

Russian commentators

have been widely critical of

Mr Kadannikov, not least

because of the terrible state of

AvtoVAZ, the giant carmaker

he used to run. Although the

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As the Russian leader has try than modernising it. steadily purged his Govern-Reforms must be systematment of reform-minded liberically adjusted to life," he said, hinting at a slowdown or halt als, so the opportunity arose for Mr Kadannikov to return to the privatisation process. We cannot talk about the to mainstream politics. According to some Russian

press reports, he was supported for his new job by General Aleksandr Korzhakov, the shadowy and powerful presidential bodyguard, and Mr Soskovets, the anti-reformist who has pledged to restore Russian industry by state



Gennadi Zyuganov, the Russian Communist Party leader, enters the assembly room in Strasbourg

# Council of Europe admits Russia

FROM MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, IN STRASBOURG

AFTER a day of heated debate over the state of democracy and Russia's intervention in Chechenia, the Council of Europe yesterday voted overwhelmingly to admit Russia as its 39th member.

Parliamentarians from East and West rejected pleas by opponents to keep Russia waiting with the other three

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applicant countries - Croatia, Bosnia and Belorussia — and voted by 164 to 35 to admit the Russians immediately. There were 15 abstentions. The motion had to be carried by a two-

thirds majority.
The Council is seen as the yardstick and guarantor of democratic freedoms and human rights throughout Eur-

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ope. Conservative and centreright parliamentarians, as well as speakers from the Baltic states, denounced Russia's actions in Chechenia and the lawlessness of Russian society; Socialists and Liberals from East and West gave a warning that keeping Russia waiting would hinder democratic and market reforms and

nists and nationalists. That prediction was given extraordinary emphasis by a furious denunciation from Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ul-tra-nationalist leader of the Liberal Democratic Party. He called Russia a haven of freedom and democracy while insisting that the West was hell on earth. Paradoxically, however, he begged the Council members to vote against Russia, saying that this would bolster his contention that the

West was Russia's enemy. Shouting and red in the face, Mr Zhirinovsky said Russia had protected Europe for more than a thousand years from Asian hordes and Turkish invaders; it had liberated the West from the German yoke in the Second World Europe from Chechen barbarians.

He said it was futile to criticise President Yeltsin for his military operation against the Chechens: Mr Yeltsin was in fact too soft-hearted, and Mr Zhirinovsky predicted that after the presidential elections in June the Kremlin would take a far tougher stance. Mr Zhirinovsky,

caused scandal in Strasbourg three years ago during a Council of Europe debate when he spat and threw clods of earth at Jews demonstrating against him, accused the West of hypocrisy in admitting countries such as Turkey, which bombed Kurdish villages, and Germany, which

burnt Turks in hostels Vytautis Landsbergis, the nationalist leader and former President of Lithuania, accused Mr Yeltsin of being driven by the party of war. He gave a warning that Russia was eager to reconquer its former empire and said the Council would be held up to ridicule if it admitted such a

Western parliamentarians, however, said that democracy could be nurtured only if the country was given Western support. Sir Russell Johnston, for the Liberal Group, said that for a thousand years Russia had had no free press, free elections or independent judiciary. Now it had them, albeit imperfectly.

Mr Yeltsin made clear earlier this week the overriding importance Moscow saw in admission. His oppo however, said that keeping Russia wairing was the best way of ensuring it undertook human rights and democratic reforms. Chechenia showed that Russia was not ready for membership. Vladimir Lukin, the leader

of the Russian delegation, warned the Council not to play Pontius Pilate and wash its hands of responsibility.

FROM EDWARD OWEN

THE decision by the Spanish Supreme Court to charge José

Barrionuevo, a close friend of

Felipe González, the Prime

Minister, with the full extent

of directing death squads has stunned the Socialist Party.

up to general elections on March 3. The opposition ex-

The Socialists had assumed

that, at worst, Señor Barrio-

charged as an accessory to a

bungled kidnapping by the

man for an Eta leader. The

squads killed 27 Eta suspects

during Señor Barrionuevo's term as Interior Minister from

Yesterday Judge Eduardo Moner formally charged Se-

nor Barrionuevo along with Rafael Vera, 50, the former

director of state security. Both

were freed on bail and their

Judge Moner said the death squads, known as Gal, were

formed in 1983 by Julian Sancristóbal, then Governor of the

Basque province of Vizcaya, and other senior officials. He

González reiterated yesterday that "I believe in his [Señor

passports impounded.

1982 to 1988.

result of the indictment.

### Mitterrand mistress 'was phone tap victim'

FROM SUSAN BELL

THE telephone of Anne Pingeot, François Mitter-rand's mistress and the mother of his illegitimate daughter. Mazarine, was tapped in the early 1980s by police at the Elysée Palace, almost certain-The party, which has been in power for more than 13 with President

Mitterrand's knowledge, ac-cording to a book published in France yesterday. However, according to The Ears of the President, by Jean-Marie Pontaut and Jérôme Dupuis, both investigative journalists, M Mitter-rand's wife, Danielle, escaped

promises to be a stream of books on the secretive President's political career and private life, following his death earlier this month. Telephone-tapping has long been used in French politics, and it has been known for some time that the

Elysée engaged in wide-spread, illegal spying during President Mitterrand's first seven years in office.

M Pontaut and M Dupuis

A legal investigation into the phone tapping continues. | Barrionuevo's innocence".

### Charges over death unit stun **Socialists**

years, is trailing the conserva-tive Popular Party in the runpects to win the election as a nuevo, 53, would only be surveillance. The Ears of the President is the latest in what death squads in southwest France in 1983, when they mistook a French business-

say that between 1983 and 1986, the telephone lines of 2,000 people were tapped by the Elysée. Among the targets were 128 journalists; 30 lawyers; five magistrates; the Aga Khan; Martine Aubry. the former Socialist Minister: Carole Bouquet, an actress; a nightclub; and a cleaning company.

The authors also say that.

when a radio station threatened to reveal details of the President's illegitimate daughter in 1982, two agents of the phone-tapping unit were sent to cut the wires of the station's transmitter.

said Gal had received "the consent" of Señor Barrionuevo and Señor Vera and they were integrated in Gal as José Maria Aznar, 42, the impossible to think that the Prime Minister did not know all this was going on." Senor



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# Icy walk for Utah child killer to execution chamber

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN BLUFFDALE, UTAH

John Albert Taylor's last, a foot of pristine snow landed on the roof of his execution chamber. Prison guards shovelled it to clear a path for his only relative an uncle. Lawyers trudged through it to advocate a last-minute appeal. The prisoner sat all but oblivious to it in his death-watch cell, resolved to die by the loudest, bloodiest method an American court will sanction.

Six marksmen, each being paid \$300 (£198) to shoot a man at 25ft, gathered yester-day at the Utah state prison in Bluffdale to await their role in the grimly theatrical business of execution by firing squad.

Shortly before midnight (7am GMT) they were to take up position behind horizontal slots in a storage hanger in the maximum security wing. An alternate would stand by in case one dropped out. Of the en live rounds and the fifth a reporters. A representative of

first hanging here in 50 years, Billy Bailey, a double mur-derer, was executed yesterday

for killing Gilbert and Clara

Lambertson, an elderly farm-

He became the third mur-

derer hanged in America

since the death penalty was

reinstated by the Supreme Court in 1976. Bailey, 49.

opted for hanging instead of

His lawver, Edmund Ly-

ous, said he "found the pro-

cess medieval and barbaric".

er and his wife, in 1979.

lethal injection.

ON THE day scheduled to be blank so that none could be sure of firing a fatal bullet. Ballistics experts said the blank had been made to give a normal recoil.

> Their target, harshly lit by five floodlights, was described by witnesses of Utah's last firing-squad execution as a "throne of death". Nineteen years ago Gary Gilmore was shot dead in the same bleak warehouse but strapped to a

> Taylor's chair was purposebuilt in the prison workshop. Backed by 4in of pine and a mound of sandbags under black plastic sheeting, it was mounted on a sloping metal prisoner's blood. Side-flaps were added to minimise the spraying of blood and tissue.
> "He maintains his inno-

cence but doesn't want to go on living on death row," Jack Ford, the prison spokesman, told an international throng of

what we've done today ... why |do| we do it at night?"

About 100 anti-death penalty

one of the victims' two sons

who witnessed the execution,

them so he chose to die".

ice cream. (Reuter)

protesters held a vigil.

A view of the execution chair, and the openings

1979 killer hanged

Smyrna, Delaware: In the He asked: "If we are proud of

pinned over his heart. He was due to be led in shackles from the death-watch cell to the execution chamber ten minutes before what Mr Ford insisted on calling "the midnight hour". Strapped down with Velcro, he would be invited by the prison warden to say his last words to the 18 witnesses behind one-way mirrors. After a paramedic had located his heart, Taylor was to be left alone, shielded

fice would be on hand in case

Taylor requested an appeal

even as he walked his final

30ft, Mr Ford said. Sedation

Taylor's claim of innocence

has been met with scorn by the

parents of Charla King, the 11-

year-old girl who was found raped, sodomised and stran-

gled with a telephone wire in

her home north of Salt Lake

City seven years ago. Taylor's

fingerprints were found on the

Charla's mother, Sherron, was due to attend the execu-

tion at 12.02. She attacked the

notion that it was barbaric.

"Tell me what's barbaric," she

said. "My daughter was alive

when he raped her. He won't

Indeed, Taylor will proba-

bly he dead before the sound

of the rifle cracks catches up

rounds aimed at a white circle

even hear the bullets."

telephone beside her body.

had been refused.

only by a black hood.

Death penalty opponents held a thirty attended rally in driving snow in Salt Lake City on Wednesday night. They were due to meet Utah's Governor, Michael Leavitt. esterday but held out little hope of intervention.

Taylor, 36, spent the day with an uncle. Gordon Lee, his only known relative, and a lawyer who has become his spiritual adviser. Christine Rogers was behind his conversion to Catholicism.

The countdown to his death said his parents "were very has been grim. For 30 days, innocent people . . . they were old and small and he was a preparations have been conbig brute. He chose to shoot ducted with the precision of a space launch. Even his last For his last meal Bailey smoke was choreographed to take place on his walk through chose steak, baked potatoes, rolls, butter, peas and vanilla the snow. Smoking is banned in Utah's public buildings.



Pilot Baba emerges yesterday after four days in a hole. Rationalist critics who watched wore bullet-proof vests because of alleged death threats

### Hindu holy man's underground feat strikes gold

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN ROHINI, INDIA

PILOT BABA, a renowned Hindu holy man, crawled unsteadily out of the ground yesterday, four days after being "buried alive" in one of the most ancient feats of Indian mysticism. He took a deep breath of crisp winter air, supposedly his first in 96 hours, and acknowledged the cheers and substantial financial offerings of 10,000

The art of not breathing, bhu-samadhi, can be performed in water or earth: the Baba has appeared to demonstrate both over the years. Close

up, however, his magic is rather less impressive. He was buried not in earth, but entombed in a hole 9ft deep and 9ft wide, with a charpoy (string bed) and blanket. The hole was covered with wooden poles, topped with corrugated-iron sheeting, a plas-

tic cover and a couple of inches of soil, giving the impression he was buried. Members of the Indian Rationalist Association, which debunks religious myths, watched with evident amusement as the crowd became frenzied to the chanting of long-haired sadhus (saints) dressed in saffron robes. The Baba, surrounded by priests, climbed

multitude, telling them that his demonstration of spiritual and mental power was for the good of people the world over. He shared the dais with many boxes of apples, which he said he would imbue with some of his powers and distribute to the people.

The money rolled in, the Baba said

he had remained under water for six days in 1992 and had sat in an airtight glass canister for two weeks. "I go into a trance. I appear to be dead," he said. Sanal Edamaruku, the secretary-

neral of the Indian Rationalist Association, and several supporters wore builet-proof vests beneath their shirts. He said he had received death threats for trying to discredit the holy. man. The Baba performed his feat in a public park in the small town of Robini, on the edge of Delhi Mr Edamaruku said the aim was to raily public support to take over the park for construction of a temple.

"All of this is to do with landgrabbing. Once he gains popular support, he can gain access to political power and eventually take the land." He said all miracles performed by holy men were tricks. Appearing to be favourite. "All you do is squeeze a bail in your armpit and the pulse in your wrist will practically disappear.

## North Korea famine makes troops 'hope for war'

BY OUR FOREIGN STAIN

THE THREAT of famine in North Korea is so great that soldiers, convinced they will soon die, hope a war will break out so they may be killed in battle instead, according to defectors.

The escapers also claim prison officials are strangling prisoners' new-born babies.

"If the current situation continues for several months, there will be a riot or a catastrophe [in North Korea]." said Staff Sergeant Choe Kwang Hyok, 25, asoldier who defected to South Korea last month. "North Korean soldiers hope war will break out," he told a Seoul news

conference. Lee Soon Ok, who also

son, 29, told the same news conference she saw some starving prisoners eating mnd. She added: "When women prisoners gave birth to babies, prison officials strangled them to death in front of the mothers."

The remarks came as America, South Korea and Japan began a series of high-level

waii on North Korea, America indicated this week it was prepared to extend food aid; with Japan and South Korea. to the North, where 130,000 people reportedly face starvation. But South Korea reiterated vesterday that if would not provide aid unless Pyongyang dropped its hostile attitude to

Seoul. The South Korean

said the North should first seek rapprochement.

Staff Sergeant Choe said he had gained 15kg (33lb) since defecting five weeks ago. His units staple food rations. mostly mixed corn and beans, were reduced from 800 to 650 grams (28oz to 23oz) a meal in September. Meat was handed out only 15 to 20 times a year.

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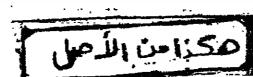


# SIMON JENKINS ON THE QUEEN

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Simon Jenkins reviews Sarah Bradford's biography of Elizabeth II

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### Chinese President stages dress rehearsal for a retreat from reforms after party warnings

# Jiang acts to shut the door against 'pollution' by West

China, is tightening his personal power and moving us country away from reform

lothes to prove it. During the past week Mr iang has made his leftward ntentions plain in tough eeches on the economy and he media and by appointing olitical commissars to sureme ranks in the People's iberation Army.

Since he became party General Secretary, President, and hairman of the Central Miliary Commission, China's equivalent of army commandr-in-chief — offices he has accumulated since 1989, thus ivalling Chairman Mao — Mr Jiang has almost always orn a Western lounge suit to how his adherence to the policy of opening China's door to the West.

But dress is a significant political indicator in China and on Wednesday, when he called for economic reforms to he slowed down to counter where threats, Mr Jiang wore the traditional buttonedup tunic, sometimes called a Mao suit. On Tuesday, when he promoted four senior military men to full generals, the President, who has never served in the forces, appeared in a military outfit minus

Part of what he is doing is continuing his erosion of the family of Deng Xiaoping, the 91-year-old senior leader. some of whose closest allies, including Peking's party boss, President Jiang picked off last year on corruption charges and whose economic policies

he savaged on Wednesday.

Mr Deng used to justify the potential dangers of economic reform by admitting that "when you open the door sometimes flies and other insects come in". He meant that to some extent China corrupt capitalist thinking



Peking's leader has switched to a politically correct wardrobe for old-style policies, writes Jonathan Mirsky

Three of the four full gener-

als appointed on Tuesday have been central political

commissars in the army's

central command, the missile

By ordering recent aggres-

sive actions against Taiwan.

including missile firings near

its shores and a mock invasion

of the island staged on the

opposite mainland beaches,

Mr Jiang has pandered to that

section of the forces which

demands that China's borders

be absolutely secure. This explains also his approval for

continuous forays into the

South China Sea.

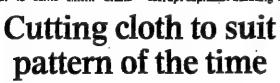
command and the air force.

would take the risk of foreign ideas causing a degree of "spiritual pollution". In 1985 Chen Yun, a leading conserva-tive, said that Mr Deng's reforms were leading to cor-ruption and crime and threateming party stability.

This week Mr Jiang, who in 1989 after the Trananmen Square massacre had been declared by Mr Deng to be his heir and the "core leader", echoed the Chen warnings. "We must ban the cultural trash poisoning the people and the social atmosphere, he said, adding: "We cannot sac-rifice culture and ideology merely for a short period of economic development.

Mr Jiang was repeating the old party fears of Westernstyle ideas, which has been borne out in recent weeks by the cancelling of research projects in the Academy of Social Sciences deemed to be too liberal.

The media, always a party worry, have been warned recently that they must obtain economic news filtered through the official news agency and to avoid subjects which "slander China". Three days ago Mr Jiang, while visiting the army's own paper. People's Liberation Army Daily, said bluntly, quoting Mao: "To do news work successfully it is imperative that statesmen run newspapers." Journalism, he said, "always reflects dir-ectly or indirectly the party's and the Government's political standards, positions and viewpoints". Papers were told to resist the invasion of



By Jonathan Mirsky

DRESS, always important in = Chinese traditional times for displaying rank and status, has signified political correctness in modern times.

China's first President, Sun Yat-sen, wore a Russian-style close-fitting tunic as a sign of modern. military austerity. This was the origin of the Mau jacket. His successor, Chiang Kai-shek alternated between Western-style military dress and mandarin robes, designed to show off his bogus veneration for the Confucian tradition.

Mao wore a variation on the Sun Yat-sen outfit, as shabby as possible, a reflec-tion of the Chairman's carelessness about personal attire: his top colleagues wore immaculate versions of the same outfit. In the Maoist period it cide to wear anything else. After Mao's death in 1976. senior officials began venturing into the presence of foreigners in Western lounge suits, and in 1987 when Zhao Ziyang, the Prime Minister. became party General Secretary he emerged with his most senior Politburo colleagues before the Western press, all

wearing smart suits. Zhao made them open their ackets to display the Shanghai labels — always a sign of the best in China — evidence. be said, that reform had now touched the personal habits of the leaders. But the founder of reform, Deng Xiaoping, kept

to the tunic. Canny intellectuals are said to keep battered old clothes under their beds in case the proletarian look ever roars

### Destruction date is set for the final stocks of smallpox

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

STOCKS of the smallpox virus should be destroyed by the end of June 1999, the executive board of the World Health Organisation has decreed. That decision must be ratified by the organisation's 190 member states at the World Health Assembly next May. The delay until 1999 is designed, it says, to "give time to reach a broader consensus".

Just two stocks of smallpox irus remain, at the Centres for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia, and the Russian State Research Centre for Virology and Biotechnology in Koltsovo, Novosibirsk, A scourge of mankind for more than 3,500 years, smallpox was eliminated from the wild by a 1980 vaccination

campaign. Destruction of the last remaining laboratory stocks has been apposed on principle. and on scientific grounds. with scientists simply oppose destroying any form of life. even a virus estimated to have killed 600,000 people a year in Europe between the 16th and the 18th centuries, "To wipe out a species is always a concern," says Dr Brian says Dr Brian

Mahy of CDC Some scientists who work on viruses oppose destruction

because there may still be things to learn by studying smallpox. The WHO says scientists have now produced harmless clones of the virus and have its full genetic blueprint, which should provide them with all they need.

The virus will be destroyed by autoclave - an oven that will hear it to fatally high temperatures. The virus will be taken from its locked freezer at a maximum security building by researchers in pressurised spacesuits and reated to 130C for 40 minutes. Then the process will be

repeated. But the WHO's setting of the destruction date so far ahead leaves plenty of time for last-minute pleas.

In a communique, the organisation said the disease's eradication was "among the greatest public health achievements of all time". The last known case of smallpox, which disfigures and causes blindness and even death, was recorded in Somalia in 1977.

The destruction of smallpox kind is progressively losing any natural resistance to it. In theory at least, that means an escape could set off a major





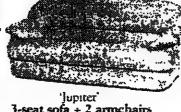
Change of mood: President Jiang, the moderniser in Western suit and tie, is transformed into traditional hardliner in a Mao suit







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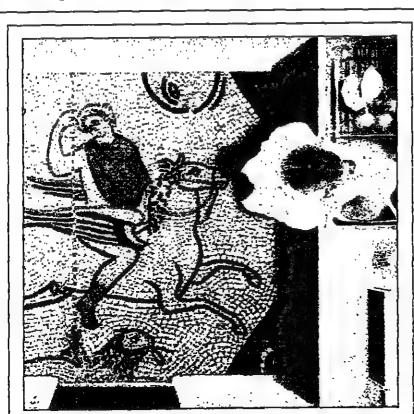








Featherweight fabrics: VALENTINO's patchworked lace (left), GIVENCHY's galleon dresses (centre) and DIOR's floral tribute (right



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Designers dazzle with

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dith Head, the most celebrated of Hollywood's costume designers, who dressed everyone from Marlene Dietrich to Mae West, once said: "You never forget the dress or suit in which you looked well, felt right, and lived wonderful

At the haute couture collections shown in Paris this week there were some truly wonderful moments and some truly fabulous. unforgettable clothes.

Haute couture has much in common with Edith Head. It deals in fantasy. It produces clothes (very expensive clothes) designed specifically so a woman might play a role, be it on the big screen, on her big day (bridal gowns count for much of the countrier's custom), at a quiet society luncheon or a flash awards ceremony. Haure couture is the ultimate luxury - a dressmaker to the stars.

It is not difficult to see why screen stars such as Melanie Griffiths and Sharon Stone head for the door of John Galliano. His debut collection for Givenchy began with lamiliar larger-thanlife ballgowns, but it was the quicter moments which revealed his true potential: an ivory button-through day dress with a cheetah belt. or the single-button stone wool trouser suit, as simple as it sounds. Only, like everything else, tailored to perfection.

By far the most popular motifs of the season were flowers and feathers: Dior's floral tributes disguised as evening dresses and Ungaro's fluffball, powderpuff trim.

Yves Saint Laurent's 1940sinspired collection fluttered down the carwalk. Best was a bolero of giant rose petals worn over a sliver of black satin and chantilly lace with straps as fine as a single strand of sewing thread. Divine

There were moments of divine inspiration on the catwalk of Valentino - featherweight patchworked lace dresses, long poloneck dresses with only a narrow hipster belt as decoration, and understated space cadet day wear - but mostly his silhouettes appeared a little too murnsy Gianni Versace miraculous-

ly sewed leather and lace



often clashing, optical patterns and animal prints, it had plenty of rock 'n' roll attitude.

Black lace dresses by Oscar de la Renta for Balmain cast a mere shadow across his models. So superfine, they looked little more than a trace of where a real dress might be.

Christian Lacroix hlitzed Paris with blistering colourways - chartreuse, parma violet, marshmallow pink and tangerine. He puffed satin into wonderful volumi-

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nous skirts, while his corsets literally dripped with jewels There were few moments this week as unforgettable as the Chanel show at the Ritz. The collection designed by Karl Lagerfeld offered a siender silhouette. Skirts either skimmed the knee or fell to the floor. Jackets held the body's line, accentuating the shoul-

ders, flipping out at the hip. Everything fitted like a glove. Edith Head once suggested her epitaph: "A dress should be tight enough to show you're a woman and loose enough to prove you're a lady." Lager-feld's latest designs certainly fit the bill.



Feather cut: CHANEL's stender silhouette was all about the fit. Photographs by CHRIS MOORE



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# Why Jack Dromey is the proudest husband in Britain

Jack Dromey, who once in jest referred to himself as "Mr Harriet Harman, né Dromey", "I kid thee not." he says. "there is a belief among those northern male MPs that Harriet overruled me: 'It's that bleedin' Harriet, I'm OK, you see: 'Good lad, Jack.' I have impeccable gredentials'. It's just grotesque. It's untrue, it's sexist and shows a complete lack of understanding of how our

marriage works. At midnight on Tuesday the Dromeys sat glumly at their kitchen table. By Wednesday evening the Parliamentary Labour Party fury had been diffused by Tony Blair's powerful support, and Dromey was in the House watching, with elation, his wife's "bravura" performance in the health

We met in the lobby: the floodgates of Dromey's admiration for his wife were in full space. There had been, that day, no finer example of her fight for the right of "mums" to be MPs: ill herself, under siege, with two sick children, she was up at 5.30am to be grilled on radio and television; faced the grim colleagues, defended herself with dignity. then led the big debate - yet at nine that morning she had insisted on being at Amy's primary school "beaming with pride" as Amy played the cello in assembly. Who, among her detractors, those macho MPs. could do the same?

When the history of maternal or political courage is written there will be a chapter headed Harriet Harman," pronounced Dromey. "She is the outstanding Parliamentafeminist of her generation. The only woman ever to bear three children while serving as an MP. No words can express my admiration for her cour-

Dromey, his cratorical delivery honed on speeches to the transport workers' union. plus, he left most of his friends in the Borough of Brent to go to Cardinal Vaughan, the Catholic grammar school in Holland Park (one of the Evening Standard's top six free schools, along with St Olave's and the London Ora-

He recalls the day he stood "sick with worry", waiting to he rold he had got into the A stream, and "leapt for joy" while other friends, sad B streamers, burst into tears. It was "a grotesque experience". "I was privileged to get a good

As Harriet Harman has fought for survival, her husband has remained silent. Today he explains why his children must never be political victims

tracks, but the idea that we would condone slipping back to a system that creams off 20 per cent and writes off 80 per

There is no doubting his sincerity. His eyes are clear and blue, like his wife's. His gaze is level. He speaks at dictation speed: A. Full. Point. Between, Each, Word,

For Joe and St Olave's it was love at first sight. "He is a bright boy, and the school is for bright boys. He loved the

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**GROVE** 

INTERVIEW

facilities and he loved talking

Dromey, "the look of sheer

delight on the face of this

lisping little boy, when he

heard that his two best friends

had got into St Olave's as well.

He was the soul of happiness,

and we were very happy for

grammar school (A levels in Lagn, French and English). 2:

You are utterly opposed to such selection and its unfair-

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son to selection at 11, and

There is no logic here.

when selected.

You, Jack, a working-

class boy, are selected at ii. and do well at

"I will never forget," says

to the boys there."

The glaring gulf between personal choice and political principle, the charge of "don't do as I do, do as I say' hypocrisy, is "utter nonsense" in Dromey's view. "At the end of 16 years of Tory winter, we are determined to do the right thing by Joe in 1996. The Labour Government will do the right thing by all children, over the next five to ten years. I would happily send my kids to the local school, if it offered them the life chance that they

deserve. Southwark schools

will turn around, in time. But

we can't say, 'Hang on Joe,

wait five years and all will be

not going to throw it away.

"Someone from the Socialist

Education Association said Joe should go with his friends

to the local school. Who the

hell does he think he is? How

dare he make that decision on

our behalf?"

There. Will. Be. No. Stronger. Supporters. Of. That. Drive. To. Raise. Standards. In. All. Schools. Than. Harriet-Harman-and-Jack-Dromey." But how, if parents like the Dromeys do not get in there and activate change? "I am not the education spokesman for the Labour Party. I don't pretend to be an expert. i am first a parent. I want my children to have the best start

in life. I worship my children." Dromey, burly engine-driver's son, and Harriet, comely daughter of Tory physician in Harley Street, Lady Longford's brother, fell in love over his is breathmking. I: the Grunwick pickets. Dromey weighed 18st then, but by renouncing gallons of Guinness and mountains of fish and chips, he shed five stone, and last year ran the London marathon - raising lance named the Jimniy ness to the 80 per cent left Dromey in memory of his

observe his euphoric relief Their domestic life is "sickeningly normal". He likes cleaning, washing and shop-But what were we going to ping. Harriet does cooking do? Sit Joe down and say: 'We and household admin. He blazed a trail at the TGWU know it was love at first sight with St Olave's. We know it is "I do not have the slightest qualm about Harriet being ideally suited to you. But you more famous than I. I am not cannot go there, because of us." How could we live with ourthe 'baronial' union type. Feminism has changed the way I selves? We never rammed our politics down our kids' throats. relate to people" - by always We are opposed to the crude leaving to get home to the kids.

Having given their firstborn

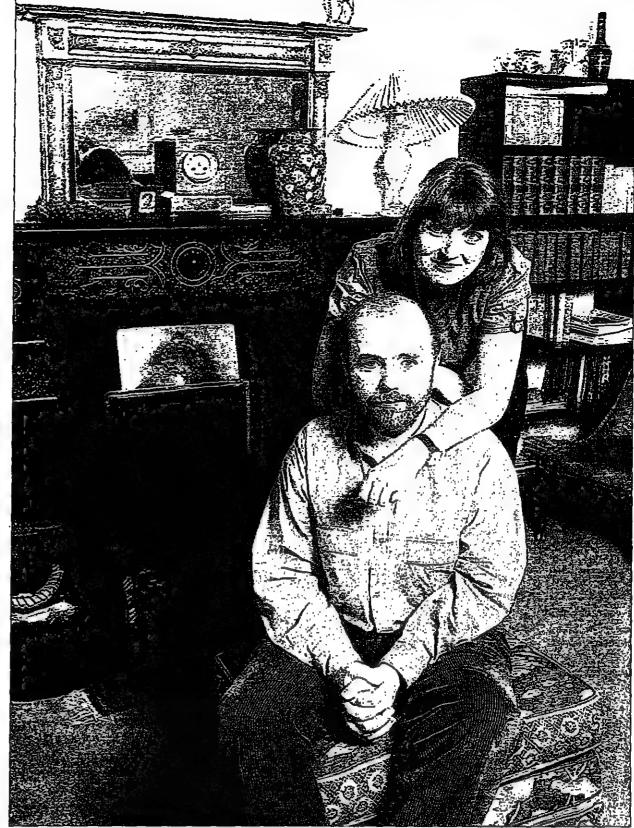
man's name, unless inheritance and titles are involved? they have reverted to convention to protect the children's

Dromey thinks the tide has turned in favour of Harriet, who only "put her kids first". He thinks the sight of gleeful Tories baying over Joe has appalled the country

During last weekend's siege by cameramen, young Joe rescued a racing pigeon from one of their cats and earned a 65 reward. What a photoopportunity! But pictures were forbidden: "We decided as soon as they could say 'mama' and 'papa' that they would never be exposed to exploitative publicity." So it is fronical that "Joe's school" has been the cause of such a furore, "We never thought," Dromey says. "that doing the right thing by one lisping 11-year-old would become a defining moment in political history.

'ell, he said it. Susan Crosland, who as wife of the Labour Education Secretary in 1965 sent her girls to Holland Park Comprehensive, said on the World at One this week: "People always find a 'good reason' to evade the comprehensive route." Sub-standard schools will

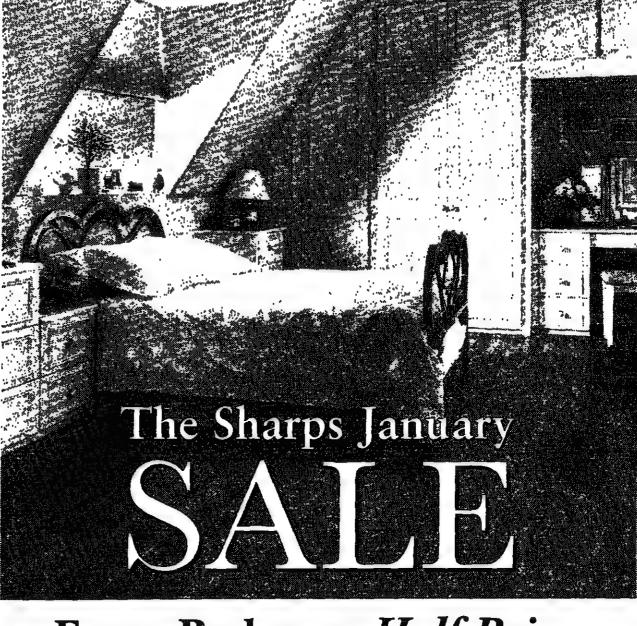
never change if all these motivated, shipped" children go elsewhere. Journalists as well as politicians know it, and still do t. But even new Labour devotees who sympathise with the Dromeys may not forgive them: and the door is now open to follow the Blair-Dromey example - delaying. by a generation, any chance of



Jack Dromey at home with Harriet Harman: "We have never rammed our politics down our kids' throats



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# And then it was up to us

We're going for a drive." Charles Wilson always moved quickly about The Times, but on this occasion his speed was astonishing. I looked back into his office to ask a question. He had

Fifteen minutes later I was still waiting for him outside our glassand-marble entrance hall. I looked for Joe, his driver. Nothing. Finally the Editor's car came up from behind. Charlie himself was at the wheel, adjusting himself to what looked like unfamiliar controls. "Get in," he gestured. I had to struggle with the locked passenger door. "Where you are going now." he barked, "you are going to want to talk about." Pause. "But you can only talk about it with the people you are going to see there. That is absolutely important." He thrust

his finger to amplify his point: the car swerved as though to agree with him.
Until that mo-

ment, unlike the small group that had planned the move of News International Newspapers to Wapping ten years ago today, I was almost unaware of what was about to hap-pen to us all. in December 1985, my job was writing political leaders. My mind was on

fair, in which leaks and betrayals were nearly destroying the Thatcher Government. Charlie's mind was elsewhere.

During the journey I heard a serious lecture on the dangers of leaks, betrayals, divisions and broken promises - at the senior levels of newspapers. After 20 minutes, he turned the car towards some iron gates and the intense attention of two guards. We then swept up a curving concrete ramp and into a

I quickly realised that I had failed the first test. I would like to be able to claim now that I saw instantly the benefits of a new printing plant, with new work practices and a reliable means of producing and distributing our work. But, dazed perhaps by the secrecy and drama, I did not.

have just realised that it is an

appallingly long time since I had the easure of annoying the lawyers;

please allow me to catch up now. (I have

that although I am known as the Lawyer's

Bane, I have an astonishing large number

Il pick you up in ten Charlie left the car diagonally minutes," said the Editor. across the shed floor. "Look at this," he said. "Wider than Fleet Street."

Half-an-hour later, up above in the publishing room, the truth began to tell. Sets of blue-andyellow belts were circling around iron frames like a Meccano monster in Hamley's window. Real newspapers were on the move. The printing machinery was loaded with newsprint, as though ready to produce proper copies of The Times. The place was "manned as though ready to go" and yet it was

almost deserted. It is customary now for writers to compare the dirty, dangerous and union-dominated plants of Gray's Inn Road with the clean efficiency of Wapping. I have read so much about the old press halls, where Mickey Mouse played at Spanish practices with Sogat, Natsopa and the NGA, that I almost believe I experienced them

for myself. In fact, and in common with many writers on The Times ten years ago. I had barely been on the site of Britain's notorious industrial hattlefields. On the one occasion when I dared a

visit to the machine-room floors, .I was greeted by grown men pretending to be monkeys in a zoo. I did not go back. Many managers, I discovered, had

rarely entered the alien territory which they were vainly charged to control.

"Here," said Charlie, "it is all going to change. We don't know how. But there's an Armageddon about to happen. And we have got to be ready for it." He pointed out a long, low brick building just a few yards way. Today the office of The Times seems a perfectly plausible place for a newspaper to be, but on that day a decade ago it did not. It looked to me like a long broken brick pillar, part of some giant dockworks which had known better days. "And here we are," he said.

The new entrance to The Times building was by an unusually wide door flanked by handrails. The floor rose gradually without a step. We walked in. This was to have

One, as we knew him, Charles Douglas-Home, whose cancer had kept him in a wheelchair before his, death the previous month. He never used his custom-built doorway. For Charlie Two, editorship and Armageddon were to come in quick succession.

Inside were our desks, our computers and a fresh carpentry smell. Everyone had a space reserved, All the journalists who wanted to come to the new world of newspapers would be able to take their places. By now it was clear what was going to happen. We stayed only a few minutes and left quietly, discussing

Westland — a safer topic.

I still have the somewhat portentous note that I wrote for a friend abroad that night and never posted: "The trip back to Gray's Inn Road this afternoon was almost supernatural. Everyone in our old office has a place marked for them elsewhere, a place which they sometimes speak of in hushed tones but truly know nothing of, a place which they can enter if they make the right decision and will be barred from if they make the wrong one: it is like a heaven - although some will certainly call it a hell."

y January 24, 1986, we were almost trained in the new technology. Inside the offices of a musical impresario close to Claridge's, a team of formidable Australian women had the job of tutoring journalists. It was a tough task. I had never before learnt even to touch-type (for years I had dictated leaders to my secretary, Val Smith, pacing round the deak for what I thought was rhetorical impact). and I was not alone. One of our finest "production journalists" found it hard even to operate the teach-yourself cassette tape, let alone the Atex computers. Out in the street, after my first visit, I met Eric Jacobs, one of the shrewdest observers of newspaper politics, on his way to the Savile Club. I was sure we had been rumbled. But no. The secret remained safe for all the weeks that were necessary.

In the marble entrance hall where two months earlier I had waited for Charlie's car, several of us, including Rupert Murdoch, the Editor and I, were waiting to greet the Israeli Prime Minister, Shimon Peres. We knew that elsewhere in the building, negotiations with the print unions were proceeding towards a bigger than usual stone wall. Israeli security guards min-gled with angry printworkers. Someone behind me said that it

was the hosts, not the guests, who

that day run the greater risk of at-tack. We managed nervous smiles. Later that afternoon the decision came down that the stone wall had, indeed, been reached. The unions were not to blackmail us again; we were on the move to a place which the unions were confident could never work without them. There was to be no edition of The Times that night - but, if we kept our nerve, only that night.

I do not recall exactly how the news arrived among the leader-writers. I noticed first that the picture of Charles Douglas-Home on the cocridor wall had been taken. I thought it had been vandalised until I saw Liz Seeber, the Editor's personal assistant, lovingbrandishing her screwdriver so that Charlie One, William Rees-Mogg and the rest of our Editorsgone-by should go with Charlie Two to Wapping.

The oil painting of Henri de Blowitz, our 19th-century Paris correspondent, was soon on its way to Wapping in the boot of our night editor's Sierra. Benjamin Robert

Haydon's great painting Walting for The Times, which traditionally hangs behind the Editor's office chair, received gentler treatment on the back seat of Charlie's Jaguar.

I felt relief that the waiting was over. But like writers everywhere, I was unreasonably irritated by the loss of my latest words - a leader about the Westland affair, which Val had just finished turning into "copy", and which was now surplus to requirements. Inside our corner office there was nothing much to save except a dozen bottles of South African wine, which the chief sub had just delivered at favourable wholesale prices, and some champagne which Bernard Levin had iven me for Christmas. So my departure past an incipient picket line was more clanking than the occasion properly merited.

e did, indeed, miss only that one Saturday issue. The bound volume of The Times for 1986, which sits on the Editor's desk as I write these words, contains a lone Daily Telegraph to fill the space on that day, January 25: warning enough of what might have happened had the move not been so well prepared. By Sunday

we were at work in Wapping. The shed, "wider than Fleet Street", was full of trucks.

Not all our journalists had claimed their places in the next life: but there were enough of us. Gradually, over the following days and weeks, most of the desks filled. There eventually came the true exhilaration of being free from union censorship and control, free to produce as many newspapers as our readers would buy, free to print in colour, free to begin sgain the creative business of making and selling The Times.

There were bad days among the good. I had not personally hated the trade union officials before: I had hardly seen them, and if some of their members wanted to make me feel like a zoo visitor, that was their choice. But I did hate the union pickets outside Wapping who stuck dozens of corrosive sticky labels on Val Smith's new car. I did hate the pickets for selecting their targets from among the physically smallest, weakest and most vulnerable. I still remember the politicians who supported trade union violence that they knew was wrong but did not dare to

condenan.

our first full day at Wapping. My strongest memories, however, are not of that first day here but of the days before the Armageddon, of Charles Wilson's discipline, of Rupert Murdoch's certainty, of the journalists on The Times who on one Friday night determined that our best traditions, our best values, even our best oil paintings, would live and move on.

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We have no first edition copy left of the issue dated January 27. The main story all night was Westland - but the earliest copies, I remember, also had on the front page news of a will, for some £300,000, ieft by a gentleman from Shore-ham-by-Sea. This did not signal a new editorial policy: the only alternative to the will was a white space where a News-in-Brief should have been.

There was a leader on Westland too, not dissimilar to the one I had dictated two days before. But at every full stop in the first edition, there was also the start of a new paragraph. At first I blamed my Australian keyboard tutors for this unwonted staceato in my style. But from that first day in Wapping, every typographical mistake was ours.

Today is the tenth anniversary of The author is Editor of The Times.

Barristers and solicitors are as bad as each other — just try complaining about them

# Inequality before the law

of dear friends from the world of law.) So if the wind is in the west, you will shortly hear the familiar cries of "Oh, it's Levin again, why doesn't somebody hit him over the head with a copy of Chitty on Con-tract? That would shut him up for a bit."

And the first thing I must draw to the nation's eye is the lawyers' almost in-credible belief that the nation doesn't notice what the lawyers are doing. It is not a matter of hiding behind the gowns and wigs or trying to bamboozle the customers with arcane language; the lawyers them-selves are the first to climb onto the rooftops and declare their very worst wickednesses.

Yes, but only a bit.

Here is our infallible legal correspondent, Frances Gibb, on the subject:

Plans for barristers' clients to be able to claim compensation for shoddy work have been diluted to gain the profession's backing . . . Leaders of the Ber have redrawn the scheme for a complaints system to make it far harder to lodge a barrister . . . consumer bodies have criticised the amendments, arguing that even in its original form the scheme offered inadequate remedies for shoddy service successful compensation claim against a inadequate remedies for shoddy service from barristers . . . At present the Bar will consider only the most serious complaints amounting to professional misconduct, and no compensation is payable. But after the revised scheme . . . people can claim

compensation only if they can prove they have suffered actual monetary loss . . . the test of "inadequate professional service" has been tightened, so that complaints will be limited to conduct which falls "significantly short of that which is to be reasonably ex-pected of a barrister in all the circumstances

... the scheme is also far more restrictive than that originally proposed by a com-mittee under Lord Alexander . . . a former Bar chairman . . . People would have been able to compilain about work in court, as well as out of it... But the Bar has refused to accept that recommendation. Its proposed scheme says the immunity should apply even to lesser complaints of shoddy work...

You must admit that this is the most monumental chutzpah even the lawyers have ever cooked up. It states un-ashamedly that if you are obviously and clearly wronged by an ignorant, lazy, incompetent, drunken or stupid lawyer, and you seek compensation, you can whistle for it, and I wouldn't be surprised if the Bar's next charmer will be to take those who are due for compensation and have them thrown into jail, insisting that any claim against any lawyer is ipso facto criminal.

But you haven't heard the best of it, and I have, so I must share it with you. The former chairman of the Bar, Peter Goldsmith, QC, obviously cannot say wake up and erect a guillotine — a sharp

guillotine. Hear him trying to sit on both ends of the see-saw. The . . . concerns of the profession have been

taken on board to produce a scheme that balances the interests of the public with those of the barrister." (And presumably vice versa But the really funny

bit in Mr Goldsmith's see-sawing is when he 🚤 . . . gave warning that, without any kind of scheme, the Bar

risked being regulated by a quango".

Isn't it wonderful? Can't you see it? The hordes of barristers immediately called from whatever work they were doing (ruining someone, I wouldn't wonder) hundreds from the House of Commons alone — the gigantic swarms from the Civil Service, the huge billboards (no expense spared), announcing that the nation will collapse instantly if even one hair on one head of one lawyer is ever disturbed, the older lawyers dropping

plainly and in human language that a large number of his fellow lawyers are a bunch of greedy scoundrels, but he must be worried that one day the public will a couple of dozen atomic bombs, that would or could be allowed to lose an argument between the Bar, the very Bar,

and a mere Parliament. But I have a surprise for you. When the infamous name of Levin is heard in the land, many a wig-and-gown yearns for a world in which murder is not a

use the word lawyer, I could be using it in two very clearly separate senses, and having had a word or two with the Bar, I turn now to the solicitors. Nor is that switch just a dip in the bran-tub: for the solicitors have been pulled up for a very good reason. The reason is that Which? - the splendid, ironclad, glocious monthly magazine which tells us which saucepan to buy, and which motorcar not to buy (to the fury of the lesser saucepan-makers

crime; but I have to remind you that when I

and the lesser motor-car makers) -- is on the march. Doubled up with laughter, I knew what

go purple in the face and start screaming if anybody says they are not perfect, so it was exactly with the solicitors. Try a headline or two: for instance, "Consumer group accuses lawyers of shoddy service", and far worse. "How clients were told to take the 'wrong' action". For when Which? is on the warpath, it goes incognito: if Which? wants to try hairpins or elephants, the answer comes only when the work has been done. So, of course, the lawyers — be they barristers or solicitors — are screaming "We wuz robbed".

ven that very jolly fellow Martin Mears abandoned his jollity and joined the whiners, and fell over his feet with joy when he claimed he had found a mistake among the Which? finger-pointers. (He wants the evidence to be produced before the denouement, but Which? never allows that, quite rightly.) Anyway the evidence is appalling. I haven't got the space for what Mrs S went

through, but she had to fight for the compensation - she was offered £2,500 and in the end her solicitors had to pay out £12,500. The truth is that, as the Editor of Which? says, "Solicitors owe a duty to their clients to give the best advice. Too often, advice is shoddy and consumers was coming. Just as all the barristers can lose out, wasting time and money

and even going to court unnecessarily".

That's nothing: in one test, only one firm out of 40 got it right. When everything has been put together, and all the ex-After all, we are not trying to find which is the best toaster, they are trying to find lawyers who can do their job properly. and they have found a huge number who cannot. And the squealing and whining only makes the scandal even worse.

But it was brave of Which? to cover this story and to stick it out. When the worst toaster is pointed out, and we tell ourselves that without Which? we would never have known, there are no screams - the maker of the bad toaster is sufficiently chastened to tip-toe out and go home. But the bad solicitor hasn't caught on. He does not tip-toe out - he stays there, screaming that he is innocent and so are all other solicitors.

Now, we all know, or we should, what squealing and demanding apologies means: It means that the squealers and shouters and demanders are, every one of them, guilty of what the squealers and

Let us go back to the barristers. They do not scream and shout, but perhaps that is because they are hardened by time not to worry when scoundrels like me point the bone at them. If I am right, all the solicitors have to do is to shut up and stop squealing. Meanwhile, Which? has got a huge slice of notoriety; it should capitalise on this, though it is true that the offices of Which? will feel rather sedate after this heady stuff. Never mind; what about setting Which? on Members of Parliament? Alas, where will you find a "best buy"?

# Powell axed

ONE OF Britain's foremost ambassadors has fired a broadside at Sir Charles Powell, the former private secretary to Baroness Thatcher. The salvo comes in the letters pages of this week's Specta-tor from Sir John Weston, Britain's Ambassador to the United Nations in New York.

He accuses Sir Charles of having ideas above his station concerning his relationship with the late François Mitterrand. After Mitterrand died, Sir Charles wrote proudly that he "must have spent more time in his company than any other Englishman".
Weston quibbles. "Since the Ox-

ford Dictionary defines 'company' as 'a gathering of people for social intercourse', perhaps it was more a matter of Charles being in the 'presence' of the President. Assuming of course it wasn't the other way round!"

Powell was unreachable in Indonesia yesterday, but one of his supporters dismissed the letter as typical carping from the Foreign Office. "Charles has always been regarded as a rum one -- ever since he nailed his colours so firmly to Mrs T's mast," he said. "It's just the sour grapes you'd expect."



• Coincidence-backers were in their element at Lingfield Park yesterday, where all six races were named after former Prime Ministers. The opening event, the Thatcher Limited Stakes, was won by Carrolls Marc, a well supported 7-2 second favourite.

### In a spin

THE SWEDISH navy is embarrassed. High ranking naval types have admitted that what they thought was the recorded sound of sinister Soviet propellers was in fact the furious paddling of the little furry legs of the mink.

A scientific commission set up by the Government concludes that most of the invading submarines reported by the navy were mythical. According to an article in the latest issue of New Scientist, on 40 occasions between 1992 and 1994, a network of microphones detected the sound of bubbles caused by a rotational movement in the water. House rules The navy estimated the speed at up to 200 rpm, and assumed it must be HARRIET HARMAN's choice of submarine propellers.



the commission, Ingvar Akesson, tests with swimming minks can produce the same readings as propellers. "It is very puzzling but they do," he says admiringly.

■ The whisper in Whitehall is that the less-than-eagerty awaited Scott report is to be published on February 14. Not the Valentine's Day missive John Major might have

of debate. The new president of the Cambridge Union, Nick Chattath, is an old boy, and founded the

school debating society. "I remember one interesting debate," he says naughtily. "We de-bated the motion, This House has become the kind of people it's parents warned it against"." Very apt.

10 is to be commemorated, even though he never made it to Downing Street. Blaenau Gwent Borough Council is to erect a plaque at the tiny miner's cottage at 10 Morgan Street, Tredegar in Ebbw Vale, the slice of South Wales where Foot was MP for 33 years and wrote most of his acclaimed biography of Aneurin Bevan.

### Long walk

GILLIAN CLARKE, the snowyhaired wife of the Chancellor who took her degree at Newnham in medieval history before pursuing postgraduate studies, hosted a o 200 rpm, and assumed it must be HARRIET HARMAN's choice of party at 11 Downing Street last grant Mary Archer and the actress ubmarine propellers.

St Olave's is a fine one if she wants night to celebrate the 125th anniver-leanor Bron.

But according to the secretary of her son to master the cut and thrust sary of the founding of the Cam-Newnham, which claims to have party at 11 Downing Street last



The first Newnham ladies

bridge college. The alumni present included Germaine Greer, who now teaches at the college, the fra-

ter as lost for words But according to the source,

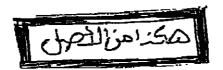
the longest corridor in Europe, was once the haunt of Prince Edward, who used to visit his old girlfriend. Eleanor Weightman, in her room when he was a student at Jesus between 1983 and 1986. "He used to call her 'Munchkin'." recalled one Newnhamite at the party.

### Late start

TRISH ears were smiling recently in Dublin, after a concert by the Oslo Philharmonic, which got off to an unpropitious start. The orchestra arrived safely, but the lorry with the instruments and clothes did not. So while the city was searched for instruments to borrow, the audience at the National Concert Hall was entertained by traditional Norwegian ditties and jazz on the piano.

22 on the plano.

The programme finally began at 10.30pm, when the players trooped on in jeans, T-shirts and sneakers. But pizazz made up for the delay, in both quality and quantity, it didn't finish until 1.30 in the morning.





### **ANGLO-IRISH ANGST**

Dublin should become a persuader for democracy

certain when the British and Irish Gonments have been travelling in tandem. idarity between London and Dublin, and ost as importantly, agreement across the or of the House of Commons, have helped tole the parties in Northern Ireland a little er to peace. The strains evident in the glo-irish axis since the publication of the tchell report on de-comissioning do not igur well for the days ahead.

Whitehall is anxious to play down talk of a the but Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign Vinister, has hardly expressed himself with the measured restraint appropriate to a mild diplomatic disagreement. John Major argued in the House of Commons that he could not see how elections could be regarded as, "a block to progress". Mr Spring said elections were, "a cul-de-sac". It is difficult to discern the common ground there. To be sure, the Irish Prime Minister, John Bruton. has been less blunt. In a speech yesterday to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg he simply downgraded Mr Major's imaginative support for an elected body as, "no more than an idea". It is an idea whose time has come and one which deserves better than this wintry dismissal from Dublin.

An elected body, far from being a cul-desac, detour, or even road back to Stormont. is the most creative proposal yet advanced for moving the peace process forward. No guns would have to be given up before the talking could begin; every party would have shuwn its commitment to democracy by using the ballot box, not the bullet, to test its true strength.

Dublin's coolness seems to be born not of principled objection to an elected body per sebut recognition of its unpopularity with northern nationalists. Mr Bruton argued in Strasbourg that, "any device, however well crafted or logical, which attracts one set of parties but repels another is not enough".

On the contrary, Mr Bruton's response is

ress in Ulster has been steadiest and not enough. He should use his influence with the SDLP and Sinn Fein to show them that elections are a bridge and not a snare. He should act as a persuader for democracy.

Mr Major has recognised that nationalists are wary of a body that might evolve into another instrument for narrow majority rule within Ulster and has pledged to address their concerns. What have they to fear from exploring Mr Major's ideas? Proportional representation could ensure a place for parties currently excluded. A weighted majority system could prevent any section of the community having its interests over-ridden.

The Ulster Unionists have already moved to allay some nationalist concerns. In the Commons yesterday their Deputy Leader, John Taylor, made it clear he saw an elected body as a peace convention, not Stormont by stealth. He also reiterated the need for any body to incorporate a cross-border dimension. The Unionists recognise any purely internal settlement could not work and do not want one. They have shown an imagination which the SDLP would do well to emulate. The intransigence which was once the hallmark of Unionist thinking now seems to be set deeper in the nationalist mind.

It is not only nationalists south of the border who might, with profit, coax the SDLP into a more constructive position: their fellow social democrats at Westminster could play a part. Labour's Northern Ireland spokesman, Marjorie Mowlam, sought yesterday to ensure that any move to elections commanded "widespread agreement". She was speaking up for the SDLP. Talking directly to them about the merits of the elective process would also be welcome.

If the Irish Government and the Westminster consensus swing behind the Prime Minister then democratic habits will have a chance to take firmer root in Ulster. Elections will eventually determine Northern Ireland's future. The sooner the people of the Province have a chance to speak, the better.

### GERMAN ECONOMIC GLOOM

After its miracle, Germany needs painful renewal

Even as Helmut Kohl is promising to create two million new jobs to relieve soaring unemployment in Germany, his Government is making predictions that all but destroy hopes of a quick fix to Germany's looming economic problems. A report by Jürgen Rüttgers, the federal minister for research, science and technology, has given a warning that Germany is falling behind in the race to build up high technology industries. It is investing less than its competitors in informaton technology, bio-engineering and aerospace. Its industrial leaders have become complacent and fearful of taking risks. By sticking to proven exports such as cars and pharmaceuticals, they are jeopardising Germany's lead in key exports. The country is increasingly living

Even the present industrial base is being eroded by high costs and restrictive practices. Firms are locating new plant in cheaper neighbouring countries (including Britain); Germany's low investment is undermining its edge over the dynamic economies of Asia: growth is expected to be 1.5 per cent this year, and companies are shedding jobs in key sectors such as aerospace.

The warning from Herr Rüttgers is the more urgent in view of alarming figures on the burgeoning social security budget. Like other wealthy continental countries that in the late 1980s saw no end to the boom, Germany is living beyond its means. Generous social provision is overburdening employers, taxpayers and government. Entrenched union power, the inflexibility of central wage bargaining and the political consensus on the need to protect workers' entitlements mean that it is difficult for the country now to tighten its belt. The Dutch and the Swedes

have begun to rein in social spending; apart from making big cuts in health provision. Germans have so far shied away from the surgery they know must soon be performed.

Being Germany, there are plenty of doomsavers. Herr Kohl himself has campaigned on the need to make the country more competitive. His grand design to cut unemployment by half over the next four years frankly acknowledges the need for more flexible - and longer - working hours, for more innovative management and for more union concessions. But the political will to alter the economic framework, sweep away restrictions and refinance the social security budget is lacking. Germany's Christian Democrats have a working-class base; with his narrow majority and tottering coalition. Herr Kohl is afraid of alienating his voters. The Social Democrats, as usual, are dithering. And the small Free Democratic Party, struggling to find any new identity to save it from extinction, is fragmenting, with some members moving to the right and others returning to the Social Democratic fold.

Germany has a tradition of high investment, which has helped it meet the challenge of reunification. The danger is that after this extraordinary success the country will relax, taking its eye off the greater challenge of future competitiveness. Many Germans, including Herr Kohl, still seem to believe that economic salavation lies in rigging the European market with a single currency (a disguised devaluation) and a "strengthened" social chapter (a disguised tax on EU labour that would reduce the global competitiveness of all European countries). But in the end, no amount of market rigging will avoid the need for painful economic readjuments.

### TRUMPS FOR ALL

Bridge is queen of sports, for mind, memory and merry chance

Folk wisdom recommends that one should not cross a bridge until one comes to it. But today bridge, the card game named after man's oldest architectural structure, comes to everyone who has ever been dealt a laydown slam or a Yarborough. As reported in our sports pages, The Times Midland Private Banking national bridge challenge launches Britain's biggest bridge tour-nament. For the first time players of all abilities, from grand master to social rabbit who can never get back into dummy in three no trumps, have a chance to compete. This is a democratisation of the rich man's game, now played by 250,000 competitively in this country, and by two million socially, for the fun of a penny a point and post mortems.

The champions will win serious money. The surplus, estimated at £100,000, will be given to the National Trust. That is a worthy recipient, not just because bridge is played in palaces as well as bed-sitters, but because the trust owns the card-rooms left in this country. Cards have been an Englishman's sport since they were invented. And all inhabitants of the United Kingdom are divided into three parties: bridge-players, pokerplayers and those who cannot handle cards.

From its foundation manifesto 211 years ago, The Times has found space for sports as well as the heavier stuff of politics. Its founding father declared that his newspaper should be like a well-covered table, with n something to suit every palate. Bridge was invented by Harold Vanderbilt on a Caribbean cruise in 1925. The sociable-intellectual game caught the mood of the Twenties as characteristically as cocktails and the Charleston. And The Times appointed its first bridge correspondent. His first column began: "Bridge has been having a hard time. If it were not a game of superlative merits, it might quite reasonably have gone under."

Luckily he was wrong. Bridge has survived and become one of the most popular activities in that no-man's land between games, sports and serious gambling. Times bridge correspondents have been a noble band of eccentric masters of the game, who have invented the conventions and made the rules. Edward Mayer, our bridge correspendent from 1953 to 1980, was the last of the old-fashioned London clubmen. On the first bridge ladies' night in clubland, his American partner asked brassily: "OK if I call you Ed?" He replied with the emphasis of a killing pass: "But Madam, if you call me Ed, what are my friends to call me?"

Chess will always be the king of games, because it combines memory and intellect with daring and pyschology. But bridge is the queen, because it has all those, with a bit of luck and social intercourse thrown in, even if post mortems do not always make comfortable colloquia. So our new bridge competition will add to the gaiety of nations, the revenues of the National Trust, and the innocent profits of those who dare to bid right up to the limits of their hands, and even

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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From the Headmaster of Caistor Grammar School

Sir, The Labour Party claims to be committed to offering parents choice and to raising educational standards (letters, January 24). Yet it is also opposed to all selection by interview and examination. Further, it will allow local ballots in order to propose the closure of grammar schools (report, June 23, 1995).

There is an important inconsistencyin this position. Parents want to be able to choose their child's school. Most would prefer to be able to choose from a range of successful, effective

Such choice is extended through a diversity of provision. Changing successful and popular schools does not help to raise standards - quite the

If the Labour Party wishes to be consistent and to respond to popular opinion it would allow local ballots to take place not only on closing gram-mar schools but as to whether selection should be extended. If local opinion wanted this, it would happen.

As the headmaster of a successful grammar school surrounded by other successful schools that are not selective, I am not calling for a full-scale return to selection. But it seems perverse to talk of extending parental choice when the actual effect of policy is to remove it.

Let us hope Mr Blair will now have the courage to accept this and take prompt action to change it. He should allow parents the option to vote for

Yours faithfully. ROGER HALE, Caistor Grammar School. Caistor, Lincolnshire. January 25.

From Mr Stuart Sexton

Sir, There are sound educational reasons why children of all abilities achieve more academically if they are taught in groups of similar ability. They therefore need to be selected into such groups of similar ability. A comparison made in 1975-76 of the

Lessons for the young

examination results of the comprehensives on the one hand and of the grammars and secondary moderns, taken together, on the other, showed that children were much more likely to achieve a higher academic standard in the selective system.

Labour's education policy and the Harman affair

I conducted the research on which that comparison was based. Between 1979 and 1981 Dr John Marks conducted more extensive research into the statistics of examination results, and came up with the same conclu-

The comprehensives were introduced to advance social egalitarianism, not to raise academic standards. If we wish to raise educational standards for all children, not just the brightest, we need to restore the selective system of grammar schools and secondary moderns. Those secondary moderns themselves should be more specialised in certain subjects than they used to be.

Yours faithfully, STUART SEXTON (Director, Education Unit). Warlingham Park School, Chelsham Common, Warlingham, Surrey. January 23.

From Mr Patrick Vincent

Sir. No one appears to doubt that Harriet Harman is committed to Labour's education policy, and her choice of a grammar school now is not as a matter of logic incompatible with a genuine (if mistaken) belief that a policy which eliminated grammar schools in the future would have universal educational benefits.

Her actions are no more hypocritical than those of an MP who advocates higher taxes but does not voluntarily pay his or her extra slice to the Treasury.

Ms Harman may well have given ammunition to the opponents of Labour's education policy, but she does not deserve attacks on her integrity.

Yours faithfully. PATRICK VINCENT. 12 Kings Bench Walk, Temple, EC4. From Mr Roger A. Jarman

ment of the individual a priority.

The sooner we get away from a system that sets school against school. parent against parent, pupil against pupil in an unhealthy competition for higher league places, the sooner we will have an educational system which truly works for the good of all

Yours faithfully ROGER JARMAN, 67 Cowley Road, Oxford. January 24.

From Professor Stewart D. Hodges the dockside warehouses just south of

mondsey and Southwark. Southwark family.

Tower Bridge, and in the heart of Ber-

fine school.

Financial Options Research Centre),

this guidance can stand alone or whe

ther it would be better to publish the

report as a whole. This is an internal

matter for the Department of Health.

hard to assimilate all the conclusions

of the review and arrange for these to

be taken into account in providing

funds for NHS services. There have

been discussions as to its cost implica-

tions - understandable when projec-

Nevertheless, the broad pattern of

costs is available, and I understand

that the department will shortly be

able to issue the purchasing guidance,

so that health authorities and trusts

can reflect it in their plans for 1996-97

This will be of reassurance to pa-

tients, to their families and to those

who have to care for them. It will pro-

vide a clear message that the depart-

ment has been aware of a problem in

managing renal disease in the United Kingdom, and has been prepared to

address the issue and to take steps to

and beyond.

put matters right.

Yours sincerely, NETAR MALLICK

January 23.

(Consultant physician), Manchester Royal Infirmary,

Oxford Road, Manchester 13.

Department of Renal Medicine,

tions extend for a decade or more.

Departmental officers have worked

Sir. Though I suspect he may not realise it. Mr James McFarlane fletter. January 24) deserves congratulations for his apt comparison between selective schools and football teams. Both are ruthless in picking those who will give them the best results and discarding those who will not perform: for neither is the personal develop-

Sir, I lived in Orpington as a school-boy and attended St Olave's Grammar School between 1956 and 1963. At that time the school was not in Orp-ington: it was on Tooley Street, beside

School services were held in South-wark Cathedral. St Olave's was founded in Southwark in the sixteenth century and makes an apt choice for a

The train journey i took between Orpington and London Bridge is probably no more onerous now than it was then — except that I could enjoy for a while the novelty of riding home in a steam train, often pulled by a Public Schools-class locomotive, and even occasionally by "St Olave's".

Had the inner-London politics of the time been less vehemently opposed to selective schools Southwark might have been able to retain this

Yours sincerely, STEWART HODGES (Director, University of Warwick. Coventry CV4 7AL January 23.

### Review of kidney patient services

From the Head Master of Westminster School

Sir. Schools are scolded for failing to communicate those commandments of moral value (letters, January 20, 23) which Dr Nick Tate wishes to impose on our pupils. But what are schools to make of the lip-smacking greed which surrounds such events as Granada's takeover of Forte?

We are told that advisers in the City are estimated to gain £150 million for helping to conduct such business (reports, January 24).

And how are we expected to respond to the tantalising lure of National Lottery jackpots? What sort of values are these which the adult world proposes?

Yours faithfully, DAVID SUMMERSCALE, Head Master, Westminster School 17 Dean's Yard, SW1. January 24.

Trial by jury From Mr F. L. Ward

Sir, As one who has been involved over a number of years with forensic work as a professional expert witness and who has also served on a jury, I would like to suggest that the answer to the doubts about the jury system in complex trials is not to discard the jury [letters, January 23].

In my view, the best procedure would be to provide a small panel of appropriate specialists to advise the jury; the panel having no respon-sibility for the final decision.

Yours faithfully, FRANK WARD, 13 Johnsons Drive, Hampton, Middlesex. January 21.

Jazz legacy From Mr Nick Solomon

Sir, It was sad to read (obituary, January 22) of the death of Gerry Mulligan - one of a handful of in stantly identifiable white jazz players in the music's history.

Your obituarist made one comment with which I cannot agree, that "most great jazz artists have matured only in their fifties". I seem to remember Thelonius Monk, asked about the precocious talent of the then young Keith Jarrett, replying: "If you ain't no good when you're 19, you ain't never gonna he no good."

But then again, so few jazz masters have barely made it into their thirties and forties (Ayler. Brown, Coltrané, Dolphy . . . and on through the alphahet) that we'll never know.

Despite the legacy of their recordings, the music really does die with these people. I wonder whether any jazz musician now under 40 will ment so much obituary space in 20 or 30 vears' time.

Yours faithfully, NICK SOLOMON, Harpfields, Burford Tenbury Wells. Hereford and Worcester. January 23.

From Professor N. P. Mallick

Sir, Your report of January 22, headed Dialysis shortfall kills hundreds, states that the national review of renal services which I chaired - and which the Department of Health set up when it recognised a shortfall - was sent to ministers 18 months ago and has been blocked by the Treasury since then [see also letter, January 24]. Perhaps I could clarify the course of events.

The review commenced in the summer of 1993. Each of the 14 then rein England was visited and evidence was taken directly from clinicians and purchasing commissions as to the present and future pattern of renal services. Information was obtained on providing a cost-effective service from all renal units concerning the facili-

ties, staff, patients and funding. The three-part review, presented in December 1994, was internal to the Department of Health. Many departmental officers contributed to its findings. There is a textual commentary, the detail of the analysis of the data collected, and a purchaser guidance text to assist those who have to organise and purchase renal services.

While at no time were assurances sought by me that the review itself would be published, departmental officers have been considering whether

Risk to game shooting From Mr Allan W. Berry

Sir, Mr Leolin Price, QC (letter, January 18), suggests that officials from the Brussels Commission should be dismissed for banning the drug Em-tryl and that those Ministry of Agri-culture officers who failed to block the proposed legislation should meet a

His letter concludes that nothing should have stopped our Government from exercising power to protect our

The decision to ban the use of dimetridazole (Emtryl), a treatment for protozoan parasite infestation of game birds, was taken after considering scientific advice that the mutagenic and carcinogenic properties of the drug were such that a safe minimum residue level could not be set. The UK claimed otherwise.

The suggestion in your report (January 13) that the ban could wipe out about 10 million birds indicates that most of our game bird industry, like many other facets of our society, is drug-dependent. Heavy losses from parasite infesta-

tion usually result from overstocking. This may be the real root of the prob-Turning a blind eye, as the Govern-

ment seems to be proposing to do, to criminal drug misuse may result in contaminated exports being rejected as unfit for human consumption. Such Euro-dodging could reasonably be regarded as a manifestation of greed and irresponsibility, rather

than the protection of the UK interest.

Yours sincerely, ALLAN W. BERRY. Nurses House. Cannich, Beauly, Inverness-shire. From Mr Bryan Cassidy, MEP for Dorset and East Devon (European People's Party Parliamentary Group (Conservative))

Sir. The Emtryl saga is a good illustration of how the European Commission can pass legislation and override the Council of Ministers (who represent the member states) through the "comitology procedure" — Euro-speak for action by committees of nat-ional "experts", including some from

The relevant committee in the case of Emtryl was not convinced that the scientific evidence justified a ban. Nor was the Council of Ministers. Unfortunately, the latter failed to reject the Commission proposal for a ban by the requisite "qualified majority". So, the Commission was able to ban Emtryl

The way in which the Commission is able to pass legislation using powers delegated to it by the Council of Ministers should worry all who are concerned about the "democratic deficit" in Brussels. The European Parliament has no control over EC delegated legislation. Nor does the House of Commons. Yet in Brussels, as in Whitehall, it is the "devil in the detail" of secondary legislation which causes all the problems.

Yours faithfully, BRYAN CASSIDY (Conservative spokesman on economic and monetary affairs), Bureau 827. Van Maerlant, European Parliament 97-113 Rue Belliard, 1040 Brussels.

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### Are rabies rules cruel or necessary?

From Mr Harry Turcan

Sir, As the owner of a dog which fell victim to what Simon Jenkins describes as the Government's hypocritical enforcement of its obsolete rabies regulations ("Englishmen and mad dogs". January 2) I should like to endorse the points he makes so force-

Our West Highland terrier accompanied us on a scheduled flight from Edinburgh to London but the airline failed to unload her at Heathrow and the plane took off for Amsterdam. The dog spent the night in a government-approved isolation unit and was re-turned to London under escort on the first plane next morning. Reasoned applications for a waiver of the regulations supported by, amongst others. the chief veterinary officer of the RSPCA, fell on deaf ears and the dog spent six expensive and totally unnec-essary months in a quarantine kennel.

In a pathetic attempt to avoid the issue being referred to the European Court our beleaguered Government now allows breeding dogs to be im-ported without being subjected to the regulations but domestic pets must still serve their six months inside.

It is, I believe, now beyond argument that a properly vaccinated dog brings with it no risk of rabies, whereas the continued enforcement of these outdated regulations provides a powerful incentive to avoid them by smuggling a possibly unvaccinated pet into this country.

Yours faithfully. H. W. TURCAN, 4 Paper Buildings, Temple, EC4.

From Dr Surinder Singh Bakhshi

Sir, Threat of rabies in England may be remote but is still real. A dog incubating rabies was brought by air from Turkey to rabies-free Dusseldorf, Germany, under its more relaxed rules in April 1995. The city was panic-stricken. Hundreds of contacts had to be searched for in Germany and abroad to receive post-exposure vaccination. Dusseldorf was placed under quarantine. Movement of dogs and cats had to be restricted and many were confin-

ed in quarantine. Only eight of the 36 European countries are recognised to be free of rables by the World Health Organisation. Germany, France, Spain, Belgium and Switzerland are some of the countries which are not. Freedom from rabies, and securing our borders against it, means that our pets do not have to he vaccinated, the cost of which would amount to far more than the £200 million in kennel fees which Mr Jenkins

finds so inequitable. A time may come when the stringent quarantine rules could be relaxed, but not yet.

Yours faithfully, SURINDER SINGH BAKHSHI, Birmingham C Disease Unit, Bordesley House, 45 Bordesley Green East. Birmingham 9. January 22.

Frogs and paraquat

From Dr David A. Evans Sir, You report (early editions, January 17) that paraquat has been identified as a possible cause of the worldwide decline in frog numbers. This refers to US research which showed that tadpoles were affected when forced in the laboratory to feed exclusively on aquatic weed killed by paraquat.

Paraquat is not used for weed control in water in the UK and USA and. when used for weed control on land, cannot leach into water as it locks on to clay particles in the soil. Any paraquat entering water from airborne spray drift would be at concentrations 100-1,000 times lower than that used in the US research.

Loss of habitat, such as farm ponds and marshlands, is probably the main factor affecting frog populations in this country. English Nature's initiative to focus attention on the role of the garden pond could provide valuable alternative habitats. Whatever the cause of the decline, it cannot be paraquat, since there is no significant exposure of the frog population to this

Yours faithfully, DAVID A. EVANS (Research & Development Director), Zeneca Agrochemicals, Fernhurst, Haslemere, Surrey. January 24.

Standing for gallantry From Mr David Hide

Sir, Did not the amply-proportioned Hilaire Belloc proudly proclaim: "I give up my seat on the bus to two ladies ? (letters, January 20, 24).

Yours more modestly. DAVID HIDE. 24 Towers Avenue, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne.

From Mr A. J. C. Saunders

Sir, The lady to whom I recently surrendered my seat on a bus said, a few stops later: "I'm sorry, I thought you wanted to get off." I assured her that at my age (83) I did not, but I thanked her for the compliment.

Yours faithfully. A. J. C. SAUNDERS, 32 Manor Wood Road, Purley, Surrey.





### **COURT CIRCULAR**

SANDRINGHAM, NORPOLK January 28: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Parish

Church this morning.
The Bishop of Blackburn
preached the Sermon. By Command of The Queen, the Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport. London, this afternoon upon the Arrival of The President of the United Mexican States and Seriora Zedillo and welcomed His Ex-cellency and Señora Zedillo on behalf of Her Majesty.

ST JAMES'S PALACE January 28: The Prince of Wales, Vice President, the National Trust, this evening joined Mrs Rosemary Verey in delivering a Lecture about

Birthdays today

### Today's royal

Dr R.C. Alston, bibliographer, 63; engagements Mr Malcolm Binus, concert pianist, 60: Mr Leslie Bricusse, composer and lyricist, 65: Major-General Sir George Burns, 85: Mr Peter Byrne, actor, 68: Lord Clyde, Peter Byrne, actor, 68: Lord Clyde, 64: Or Alec Coppen, psychiatrist, 76: the Right Rev Charles Fitzgerald-Lombard, Abbot of Downside, 55: Mr John Gallagher, rugby league player, 32: Dr Germaine Greer, author, 57: Lord Gregson, 72: Professor F.R. Hartley, Vice-Chancellor, Cranfield University, 54; Mr Paul Hodder-Williams, publisher, 36: Earl Howe 45: Mr Today's events The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00. **Anniversaries** 

publisher, 86; Earl Howe, 45; Mr lohn Junkin, actor and writer, 66; BIRTHS: Emmanuel Swede Mr Sean Kerly, hockey player, 36; Mrs Margaret Laird, Third Church Estates Commissioner, 63; Lord Lane of Horsell, 71; Mr Michael Mavor, Head Master, Rugby School, 49; Mr Richard Needham, MP, 54; Mr James Nicholson, MEP, 51; Mr Andy Roberts, cricketer, 45; Profes Abdus Salam, theoretical physicist, 70; Mr Tom Selleck, actor, 51; Mr Raman Subba Row, former chairman, Test and County Cricket Board, 64: Viscount Tonypandy, 87; Mr Brian Trubshaw, former test pilot, 72; Mr Brian Writer Board, 64: Wiscount Tonypandy, 87; Mr Brian Trubshaw, former test pilot, 72; Mr Israel Wetrin Proposition of the Proposition Mr Israel Wetrin, managing direc-

### The Countess of Denbigh and Desmond

The Countess of Denbigh and Desmond, following the marriage of her son, the Earl of Denbigh and Desmond, on January 27, 1996, will be known as the Dowager Countess of Denbigh and

### Dinner

British Invisibles British Invisibles were the hosts at a dinner held last night at the Savoy Hotel in honour of Mr Ernesto Zedillo, President of Mexico. Among those present were: Mr Andrew Buxton, Mr Leopold de Rothschild, Mr Nicholas Buring, Mr

aid of the National Trust in the Peak District, followed by a Reception at the Button Opera House,

KENSINGTON PALACE January 28: The Duke of Gloucester. Trustee, the British Museum. this afternoon received the President of the United Mexican States (His Excellency Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon) at the British Museum, London WCL

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE January 28: The Duchess of Kent this evening presented the Evening Standard British Film Awards, at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2.

The Princess of Wales will attend a luncheon given by the Association of American Correspondents in London at Brown's Hotel at 12.30,

borg, philosopher, Stockholm, 1688; Daniel Bernoulli, math-1088; Daniel Bernoulli, math-ematician, Groningen, 1700; Thomas Paine, radical and writer, Thetford, Norfolk, 1737; Henry Neele, poet, London, 1798; Sir James Outram, general, Bulterley Hall, Derbyshire, 1803; William McKinley, 25th American Presi-dent 1897-1901, Niles, Ohio, 1843; Sir Khenger, Hennel, Lineau, Sir Ebenzer Howard, pioneer of garden cities, London, 1850; Anton Chekhov, playwright, Tagarov, Russia, 1860; Frederick Delius, composer, Bradford, 1862; Romain Rolland, novelist, Nobel laureste 1915, Clamery, France, 1866; Vi-cente Blasco Ibáñez, writer and politician. Valencia, 1867; Havergal Brian, composer, Dresden, Staffordshire, 1876; W.C. Fields, actor and comedian, Philadelphia,

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Desert Island Discs was first broadcast by the BBC, 1942.

### Memorial services

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Ivan Ewart, business man and charity worker, was held yesterday at the Church of St Malachy, Hillsborough, County Down Canon John Dinnen offic-ated. Sir Michael Ewart, son, Mrs Susan Cunningham and Mrs Patricia Browne, daughters, gave readings. Lord Cooke of Island-reagh paid tribuse.

The Ven Peter Eliot A service of thanksgiving for the Ven Peter Charles Eliot was held on Saturday in Worcester Cathe-dral. The Archdeacon of Worcester officiated, assisted by the Ven J.C. Williams who led the act of

and Mr James Asher read from

John Bunyan's The Pilgrim's The Bishop of Worcester pronounced the blessing.

Professor T. Brooke Benjamin A memorial service for Professor T. Brooke Benjamin, Sedician Professor of Natural Philosophy at Oxford, was held on Saturday at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin. The Rev Peter Southwell, Chaplain of The Ousper's College officient Professor T. Brooke Ben Queen's College, officiased.

Dr Geoffrey Marshall, Provost,
Professor Trevor Stuart and
Professor Patrick Riley gave readings. Professor David Crighton

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gave an address.

The following deputy lientement commissions have been an-nounced: John McCrindle Smith. Lieutenant-Colonel Christohpe Benbow Manning-Press, (Retd), Thomas Edward Dale,

University news

Oxford, Magdales College To a fixed-term fellowship in English (for five years from Octo-ber 1, 1996): Sutan Jennifer Hitch, MA.



The Duke of Edinburgh facing a chilly journey home from Sandringham Church yesterday

### Forthcoming marriages

Mr W. Anderson and Miss L.G. Coppe

The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs P. Anderson, of Dumboyne, Co Meath, and Lucy, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs N.J. Coppel, of Drumbo, Co Antrim.

Mr J.L. Holden and Miss S.A. Dawson The engagement is announced between Jason, eldest son of Mr Ralph Holden and Mrs Linda Holden of Oldham, Lancashire, and Samantha, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Dawson, of Rothwell, Yorkshire.

Mr T.W.H. Lloyd-Jones

and Miss I.S. de Voghelsere Parr The engagement is announced between Tomas, youngest son of the late Colonel John Lloyd-Jones and of Mrs Mary Lloyd-Jones, of Guildford, Surrey, and Isabel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Parr, of Widmerpool,

### Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines CAPTAIN: T.W. Hare-MoD Bath 22.03.96; F.H. Hiscock - JMOTS Turnhouse 26,04,96; T. Morton Staff of POSF 24.05.96; R.C. Pelly MoD Bath 12.04.96; E.F. Searle NBC Portsmouth 19.03.96. COMMANDER: DJ. Filfield Loan CDA HLS West Byfleet 22.03.96; G. Freeston - MoD London 26.04.96; P.N. Hilbbert -Loan CDA ADAC Farmborough 29.03.96; M.I. Horrell - Siziff of

BDS Washington 07.06.96; G.J. Merrett - PJHQ Northwood 01.04.96; A.G.P. Pounder --SACLANT USA 03.05.96; S.A. Thomas - Staff of ISL/CNH 09.08.96; P.W.A. Wearmouth -Staff of CINCFLEET 19.04.96. SURGEON COMMANDER: P.J. Buxton - RH Haslar 26.07.96; S.J. Ryder - Exchange USA 01.04.96. Retirements

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# Researchers rethink clues to Dublin's Viking past

BY NORMAN HAMMOND ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE origins of Dublin, long thought to have begun as a Viking fortress close to the later castle of the English viceroys. may have been wrongly located by archaeologists.

Recent re-analysis of two Viking cemeteries excavated more than a century ago suggests that the Irish capital began more than a mile further upstream on the Liffey. A monastery was taken over and turned into an

The Viking cemeteries at Island-bridge and Kilmainham, on the western outskirts of the Georgian city, were found when gravel digging and railway construction took place in the mid-19th century. They yielded spectacular finds of weapons and ornaments, so similar to Viking goods from Scandinavia that watercolour paintings were

given to the national museum in Copenhagen. The exact findspots have long remained obscure. However Elizabeth O'Brien has now recovered information from official files and railway records that shows the existence of two distinct burial grounds, both on a prominent gravel ridge and one adjacent to a monastic site.

Both proved to contain pagan Viking and also native Christian graves; the Viking grave goods dated the burials to the later 9th century, coeval with the Viking longphort or trading settlement known to have existed between AD 841

"It would seem unlikely that the occupants of a longphort at the Liffey-Poddle confluence where the centre of medieval Dublin lies] would have been prepared to travel at least a mile upstream, probably through hostile territory, to bury their dead," Ms O'Brien says in Archaeology Ireland.

"It seems much more likely that the burials represent Vikings living in that area in the 9th century.

Viking usurpation of monastic establishments is well-known from England: in AD 873-4 they took over the Repton monastery on the Trent and fortified it, turning the church into a blockhouse. The Kilmainham monastery enclosure, and the Islandbridge ford across the Liffey no doubt offered similar logistical advantages, Ms O'Brien argues.

The walled town of Dublin was not founded until AD 917, as one of a series of Viking urban centres that included Cork, Limerick, and Waterford; excavations in the 1970s at the famous Wood Quay site uncovered dozens of houses and well-preserved arrefacts. close to Christ Church Cathedral and Dublin Castle, the most visible signs of the city's later prosperity.

The earlier phase of Viking penetra-

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tion of Ireland, between the first recorded raid in AD 795 and the abandonment of the Dublin longphort in 902, has now begun to emerge as the result of research. Writing in the same special Viking issue of Archaeology Ireland. John Bradley of University College Dublin notes that place names such as Smerwick, runestones and burials document a series of shortlived settlements as far away as Galway and Kerry in the far south-

The most recent discovery, by a joint team from the universities in Cork and Belfast, is at Lonehort Harbour, on Bere Island in western Cork. Underwater survey by the Belfast archaeciogists revealed a stone breakwater and etty, while on land a naust or boathouse was excavated by the Crok team.

Source: Archaeology Ireland Vol 9 No.3 (Issue 33)

### Marriages

Mr S.L. Rerve Tucker : and Miss L.M. Barran The marriage took place on Sat-urday at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer and St Thomas More, Chelsea, of Mr Stephen Reeve-Tucker, fourth son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel T.S.W. Reeve-Tucker and of Mrs Reeve-Tucker, of Ross-on-Wye, to Miss Lalage Barran, younger daughter of Sir David and Lady Barran, of Kensington Square, London, Father Patrick Nolan, Dom

Antony Sutch and Dom Philip Jebb officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was al-tended by Emily and Cosmo Barran, Lactitia Lucy, Camilla Miljard, Casimir munds, Oliver Posgate, Arabella Reeve-Tucker, Clementine Reeve-Tucker, Olivia and Alexander Reeve-Tucker, Jessica Vernon and Oswald Woloshyn. Mr Robert Finlayson was best man. A reception was held at the Duke

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of York's Headquarters and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr C. Howe and Miss A. Lancaster

The marriage took place quietly on Saturday, January 27, at St Mary's, Bourne Street, London. between Mr Christopher Howe and Miss Alison Lancaster. Father Bill Scott officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr lain McQuiston, was attended by Holly, Frederick and Edward Howe. Mr Peter Hodsoll was best man.

### Latest wills

Mr Michael Barrie Goulden, of Aldridge, Walsall, West Midlands, left estate valued at E191,276 net.

Mrs Margorie Martin, estate valued at £1,020,177 net. After personal bequests she left the residue equally between the RSPCA, National Trust, RSPB. international League for the Protection of Horses, RNID, RNIB

Mrs Francis Martin Payne, of Poole, Dorset, left estate valued at £6,923,096 net. Mr Harry Ridehalgh, of London

SW6, former senior partner in the international consulting engineers, Sir William Halcrow and Partners, left estate valued at E1.482.621 net.

Mr Leo Frederick Leffman, of London NWS, left estate valued at £3,160,958 net.

Among several bequests he le 250,000 to the Jawish Bilind Societ and £100,000 equally betwee Battersea Dogs Home, the Nation Canine Defence League and Bit Cruss.

Aldeburgh, Suffolk, left estate val-ued at £5,762,544 net. Other estates include (net, before Mrs Sheila Valerie Bonsor, of

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MOUGHTON - On 26th-January 1996 in his 88th' year. Frederick, formerly Country Librarian of Cambridgeshire and late of Ely. Funeral at Cambridge Crematorium on Monday February 5th at 12.00 noon.

DUDLEY SMITH - Anthony,
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HILLARD - Monica Constince, beloved wife of Richard Hillard, died in her steep at home on 25th January 1996. Funeral 12 noon of St Marys Church Staunton-on-wye. Church Staunton-on-Wye. Flowers if desired to S.A. Evans. Hereford (01432

FOOT - Suddenly on 19th January 1996. Gillian Catherine Mary (CR Nodin. Lincolnshire Painter: aged of years. The much loved wife of Anthony and loving mother of Catherine, Nicola and Juhan. A private family. funeral service will take place on Tuesday 30th January with a Memorial Service being held at St James's Church. Louth. Lincolnshire on Thursday 29th Pebruary 1996, at 2 pm. Floral Tributes if so desired, will be received by John Watson Funeral Service. 71 Charles Street. Louth. Lincolnshire. Tel., coi.5077.602.308, where further enquiries may be made.

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and grandmother. Funeral service to be held at Putner value Crematorium on Wednesday Sist January at 2.30 pm. Fumily flowers only please, but if desired donations for Cancer Research may be sent c/o W. Carstin & Son. 12 Cuttlern Street. London Wilm 190.

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MACADIE - Muriel Office MacAdie. On 26 January. 1996. aged 85. Peacefolly at Deliwood Community Hospital. Reading. Beris. Former Head of Englah at Brondeshtay & Kibura High School for Chis. Much loved by sistera-in-law Winifred and Beryl. nephews Andrew and Cartstopher and their families and by her very many friends. Funeral Service at St. Andrew's Church. Caversham. Reading at 11.48 a.m. on Thursday 1 February Sollowed by yrivate crenation. Family Rowers only. Enguirles concerning donations to A.B. Waither & Son. 56 Edion Road, Reading. RG1 4DL 101734 575860.

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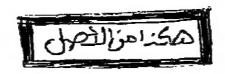
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### WING COMMANDER RODERICK LEAROYD, VC

Wing Communication Robot has three sarviving RAF holders of the Victoria Cross. died on January 24 aged 82. He was born on February 5, 1913.

"BABE" LEAROYD, as the RAF knew him, won his VC for conspicuous gallantry during a bombing raid on the Dortmund-Ems Canal in 1940. The skill and courage he had displayed while flying his Hampden aircraft through heavy ground-fire at low altitude, had already come to the attention of 49 Squadron long before his most famous mission on the night of August 12, 1940, in the year of the Battle of Britain and of Dunkirk.

His citation in the London Gazette described how Acting Flight Lieutenant Learoyd, then aged 27, had been detailed to attack a special objective on the canal, which he had targeted once already on a previous sortie. He was, therefore, only too well aware of the risks entailed.

In order to achieve maximum suc cess, it was necessary to make his approach from a direction well known to the enemy, through a "lane" of carefully sited anti-aircraft batteries. The enemy was able to respond with devastating fire power from pointblank range. The reception given to the preceding aircraft "might well have deterred the stoutest heart," read the citation. All machines had been hit by the enemy and two had been lost. His own bomber was repeatedly hit and large chunks torn away from the fuselage as Flight Lieutenant Learoyd laid his attack at 150ft above the guns, half blinded by the glare of the German searchlights directed on to

has from close range.
It was his resolution in pressing home his successful attack against such odds that earned for Learnyd the country's highest award for gallantry. Although himself wounded in the raid. he subsequently brought his wrecked aircraft home. As the landing flaps were not working and the undercarriage indicators were also out of action. he had to wait until dawn in the skies above his home airfield before being



able to land. Even so, he eventually accomplished this without injury to his crew or inflicting further damage on the bomber.

The high degree of courage, skill and determination which this officer had invariably displayed on many occasions in the face of the enemy, sets an example which is unsurpassed," the citation ended. Yet, although the RAF later used him to go round Britain on a morale-boosting tour during the dark-

est days of the war, Learoyd was a shy, unassuming man who rarely talked much about his exploits over Germany.

Born at Folkestone, Kent, Roderick Alastair Brook Learoyd was the son of a major in the Highland Light Infantry who had served in the First World War. But the family had both a Yorkshire and Scottish background and at one time was involved in the Yorkshire textile industry.

On leaving Wellington College, Rod — as the family knew him — went to work for a while for an uncle who owned a fruit farm in Argentina. On returning home from there in 1936, however, he took a short service commission in the RAF. He, therefore, found himself immediately swept up by the outbreak of the Second World

On being demobilised in 1945, Learoyd served for a while in Malaya as a pilot for the Governor of the then British colony. He then worked at Heathrow for a while before joining the British Motor Corporation (BMC), with whom he remained for the rest of his working life. He was sent to work for the company at one time in the United States, returning to serve in various capacities in this country.

At one time he was the head of its fleet sales, particularly to government departments. At another he was involved in the company's public rela-tions division and throughout his time with BMC he was repeatedly used as an unofficial ambassador. His natural charm and his wartime reputation made him highly valued by senior managers in Birmingham as a front

In private life, as well as profession-ally, Learoyd had a lifelong passion for cars, particularly for Aston Martins. He regularly attended the Le Mans 24hour race and was also a frequent visitor to Silverstone. He was a keen

golfer in his younger days. Learoyd, whose portrait hangs in the Imperial War Museum, was an active member of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association, regularly attending its dinners and receptions in London. He went to last year's VE-Day celebrations in London when he was driven around the arena in a Rolls-Royce. But he suffered increasingly from diabetes, which affected his sight in his later years and forced him

to give up driving himself.

Rod Learoyd, who died suddenly from a heart attack, was a tall, gentle man, well liked in the area of West Sussex where he lived. He never married and is survived by one brother and a sister.

### DR ROBERT WEIR

Dr Robert Weir, CB, Chief Medical Officer, Northern Ireland, 1978-86, died on January 7 aged 67. He was born on October 29, 1928.

ROBERT WEIR was the head of the Government's medical service in Northern Ireland during the IRA hunger strikes in 1981 when ten men starved themselves to death in the Maze Prison. That the prison medical service should have maintained its standard of professional integrity and continued to treat prisoners and their families as patients and the relatives of patients was in no small way due to the courage and independence of mind of the Chief Medical

Officer Bob Weir was born into a farming family in Co London-derry and he never lost his countryman's common sense. Educated at Rianey Endowed School, Magherafelt, he entered Trinity College Dublin in 1945 taking degrees in arts and medicine. He graduated with a first in 1951 and, after postgraduate studies in cardiology with Professor Frank Pantridge in Belfast, he became MD with a gold medal in 1955.

A brilliant career beckoned as a cardiologist. But he elected instead for general practice in Newry, where his diagnostic skill and compassion made him a much loved figure in the rural community.

In 1963 he joined the Medi cal Referee Service and quickly moved to the policy and planning staff of the then Ministry of Health and Social Services. In 1972 he became Deputy Chief Medical Officer. and in 1978 was appointed



Chief Medical Officer, a post he was to hold until his retirement at the end of 1986. His main achievement as Chief Medical Officer was to

forge links between the professional and the administrative sides of the department and between the department and the medical profession. He was unquestionably the leader of the profession in Northern Ireland, respected by his colleagues for his own clinical experience and trusted by them to express their concerns at the highest level of government. Equally, he could be depended upon to give his views honestly. His advice carried a weight of authority and an intellectual coherence which could not be

discounted. Weir worked hard to make politicians aware of the concerns of the profession, and to convey to his professional colleagues the stark realities of public expenditure. His network of speciality advisory committees brought clinicians into the debate and ensured greater understanding of both

WILFRED FAIRCLOUGH

sides. He also pioneered a more rational approach to hospital development and the

location of major services. His role as Chief Medical Officer meant that he was the principal source of medical advice to all departments in Northern Ireland. This advice was critical in dealing with issues as disparate as the effect of listeria on the dairy indus-try, or salmonella on poultry farming and the fallout from Chernobyl on sheep farming in Co Antrim, asbestosis or the onset of Aids.

But his greatest contribu-tion to public service may well have been his professional responsibility for the prison medical service at a time when very serious questions were being raised about the treatment of prisoners. There were visits of inspection, during his period in office, from the International Red Cross, Amnesty and other Human

Rights organisations. Throughout all this he faced many moral, ethical and political dilemmas, and worked under considerable personal stress. He dealt sensitively and decisively with the un-precedented problems of the hunger strikers, and of the need for medical supervision in police holding centres where allegations of ill treat-ment were commonplace.

He was appointed CB in 1984. On his retirement in 1986, despite failing health, he undertook part-time medical assessment work, addressing the problems of occupational diseases and the emergence of

new threats such as BSE. He is survived by his wife June (née Shuttleworth), whom he married in 1955, and by one son and two daughters.

### PROFESSOR SYLVIA LAWLER

Professor Sylvia Lawler, geneticist, died on January 17 aged 74. She was born on January 15, 1922

SYLVIA LAWLER was a pioneer in mapping the human genome, and the first woman professor of the Institute of Cancer Research, 1980-87, at the Royal Marsden Hospital. There she introduced the new techniques of tissue typing (which provided the basis on which transplant surgery. cytogenetics (the direct examination of chromosomes). Earlier, in the immediate postwar years, she made a substantial contribution at University College London.

An only child, Sylvia Dorothy Corben, as she was known before marriage, qualified in medicine with distinction at University College London in 1945. She was clearly destined for a research career and joined Dr Rob Race at the Lister Institute, where he established the MRC Blood Group Unit. His group was instrumental in demonstrating that the ABO and thesus blood groups, although of

vital clinical significance, were not unique, but rather that the red cell membranes carried many different genetically determined systems which could be detected by immunological methods. Lawler was responsible for the study of normal families and of families with inherited abnormalities, which provided a solid genetical foundation for this work. In 1949 Lawler was invited

by L.S. Penrose to join the Galton Laboratory at University College London, the first nt of human gene in the world. At this time most studies were based on quantitative characters such as height, or inherited diseases of variable manifestation. Penrose appreciated the advantage of inherited characters such as blood groups which could be exactly defined experimentally and which were uninfluenced by the environment

He was himself involved in developing mathematical methods by which the order of genes on the chromosomes could be deduced: the combination of their skills, theoretical and serological, led to the first description of an autoso-



mal linkage group in man. Lawler worked with James Renwick, who joined the group, and their findings on genetic linkages formed the basis of what was later to become popularly known as

the Human Genome Project. In 1960 she moved to the Institute of Cancer Research. where she worked hard to establish close scientific links between the Royal Marsden Hospital and the institute.

Her interests in the genetics of malignancy were wide, including such diverse potentially pre-malignant conditions as myelodysplasia (an abnormality of the bone marrow) and molar pregnancy (an abnormality of the placenta which can lead to malignant tumour).

As head of a department which combined immunogenetics and cytogenetics, she developed the scientific basis for the Royal Marsden Hospital's pioneering work with ognising early on the essential part these sciences have in this courageous treatment for leukaemia and other haematologic conditions.

She was regarded with affection by her staff, in whom she took a personal interest. Her extensive knowledge and international reputation attracted numerous overseas visitors to her department and there are many today in Britain and around the world whose medical work owes much to her encouragement.

She was a founder member (and later Fellow) of the Royal College of Pathologists and was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. Her major contributions to all six international workshops on chromosomes in leukaemia were evidence of her determination to discover the significance of acquired chromosome abnormalities in this disease.

On her retirement she was appointed Emeritus Professor of Human Genetics at the Institute of Cancer Research and she continued to contribute both to collaborative studies of the long-term survivors of leukaemia, and to efforts to improve the diagnosis and treatment of women with trophoblastic tumours.

Her marriage to Laurie Lawler was dissolved in 1976 and she married Professor Kenneth Bagshawe in 1977. She is survived by her husband and a son by her first marriage.

Wilfred Fairclough painter-etcher and vatercolourist, died on January 8 aged 88. He was born on June 13, 1907. WILFRED FAIRCLOUGH

lived for his work and only ceased etching in the year of his death, an extraordinary demonstration of his stamina and application. He exhibited his etchings as a member of the Royal Society of Painter-Printmakers (formerly Painter-Etchers & Engravers) for more than sixty years. Annually, and as late as last summer, whole editions of his prints sold out at the Academy during the private views, an indication of the regard in which his followers held him.

Starting life with no advantages, Wilfred Fairclough was born in the Lancashire fown of Blackburn, where he left school at 14 to work in a mill. After the mill failed, he trained as an audit clerk in a local accountancy firm, while at-tending evening classes at the Blackburn School of Arts and Crafts. He performed well in his day job but determined to pursue his interest in art by going in for the Board of Education's drawing examination, which he passed in 1930. That same year he was appointed to a part-time teaching job at the Blackburn School of Arts and Crafts.

From there through his own dogged determination, encouraged by his future wife Joan Vernon Cryer who had come to the same school as a student-teacher, he managed to gain entry to the Royal College of Arts' Engraving School. There he excelled. completing the graduate course in 1934 and being elected an Associate of the Royal Society of Painter-Etchers & Engravers at the early age of 26. Even more to the point, he was at the same time awarded the society's Rome scholarship.

Thus began a lifetime love affair with Italy, first with Rome and later with Venice. His watercolours and prints began to show an increasing



Wilfred Fairclough's Venice Light Music

interest in figures, often displaying wit and keen observation in their execution. A career in teaching fol-

lowed his return to England. Fairclough obtained part-time work at Kingston School of Art and at the North London Polytechnic as a drawing instructor. He continued to produce prints of great sensitivity and power, gaining commis-sions and exhibiting regularly at the Royal Society of Painter-Printmakers and at the Royal

Academy. In 1951 he won the Leverhulme Research award, which enabled him to visit Italy for the first time since his tenure of the Rome scholarship — Venice providing him with particular inspiration.

He returned from this sabbatical to become Principal of the Kingston College of Art. With the subsequent changes in art education, he spent his last two teaching years as assistant director of Kingston Polytechnic and head of the division of design from 1970 to 1972.

There then followed proba-

bly his most productive period as an artist. Having produced almost 80 etchings in the period up to 1972, he nearly doubled that number in the last two decades of his life, with the quality constantly improving. His subjects were both landscapes and figurative compositions, etched in copper and printed on paper in his own hand.

In watercolours, one of his most important projects was "Recording Britain", a scheme organised by the Pilgrim Trust. For this he carried out nearly 60 watercolours of Britain, particularly concentrating on the Petersham area during the Second World War. These are now deposited in a variety of collections, including the Victoria and Albert Museum. Other works are in collections at the British Museum, the Ashmolean Museum and the Arts Council. He became an Associate of the Royal Watercolour Society in 1961 and a Fellow in 1968.

Wilfred Fairclough is survived by his wife Ann and a son and a daughter.

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### ROBERT BURNS.

Yesterday afternoon a statue of Robert Burns, subscribed for by the working classes of Scotland, and erected in one of the princip squares of Glasgow, was unveiled by Lord Houghton. The event awakened great enthusiasm throughout the country, and advantage was taken of the occasion for a grand demonstration in honour of the memory of Scotland's greatest bard. There was a great trades' procession, which marched through the streets accompanied by instrument bands playing appropriate music. The city was crowded with visitors, the greatest contingent being from Ayrshire, Burns's native county, and in Glasgow and the

Lord HOUGHTON said he was commissioned by the Lord Provost and the committee of the subscribers to that national memorial to unveil the statue of Robert Burns. They would bear in the report of that committee under what interesting and honourable circum-stances it was there raised and presented. The few words he had to say would relate to the meaning and importance of that ceremony. Before the use of books, the erection of images of good and great men in stone or metal was

neighbouring towns a general holyday was

# ON THIS DAY

January 26, 1877

It is a great tribute to a man when a city observes a holiday in his memory. There will be festive gatherings around this statue on July 21, the day of Robert Burns' death in 1796

the only means by which their personality, and in a great degree the memory of their deeds and characters, could be preserved. In this custom and art the ancient Greeks and the Romans, whose dominion stretched into Scotland itself, were most noted and success-ful; and thus it was that we were more tiar with the names and characters of illustrious men who lived in those far times than we were with those of many who in more recent periods had equally guided the destinies of the world and the thoughts of men. Nor after the birth of modern literature was this method of linking together the minds and generations of men without a signal effect. Even now, when literature had become nopular, where a wide and generous education had enabled every class to learn the story of the past and the circumstances of the lives of statesmen, warriors, artists, inventors, and poets and other men of letters, they did not the less desire to look upon the all but living representations of what they were when upon earth, and to clothe them with their admiration, reverence and love. To those present, the figure he was about to reveal would be nothing new or strange. It would be the recognition of a friend of their childhood the greeting of one of whom the memory was ever fresh, and with whom their association were ever dear . .

This, their friend and poet, would look with kindly and grateful eyes for generations to come on the tides of men who would traverse the busy streets of that multitudinous city. From him they would learn a lesson hardly taught by the images of the leaders of armies or rulers of nations, yet one of which Scotland might well be proud; for through his difficult, and may be, faulty life, he never lost the manly endurance, the simplicity of manners, the spirit of fraternity she ever taught to her sons, and which had enabled them to go forth conquering, and still to conquer, in the battle of material life, in the conflicts of intelligence and skill, and to spread to the farthest confines of our earth the name and fame of Robert Burns . . .

### NEWS

### Primary school results condemned

School test results showing that more than half of all 11-yearolds are not up to standard in English and mathematics provoked a storm over primary school teaching yesterday.

Tony Blair branded the results appalling. John Major described them as disappointing and education experts demanded a return to more traditional teaching methods. Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, conceded that the standards of attainment were not good enough ... Pages 1. 6. 7

### Publisher drops lan Smith memoirs

■ The long-awaited memoirs of Ian Smith, Rhodesia's last Prime Minister, have been dropped by HarperCollins because he insisted on describing his successor, Robert Mugabe and his guerilla army, as terrorists. Mr Smith is to offer The Great ....Page 1 Betrayal to other London publishing houses ......

### Winter returns

Heavy snow and freezing temperatures disrupted air, rail and road traffic across Britain, The London weather centre said the wintry conditions would continue 

### Today given out

Cricket is to bounce Radio 4's Today from the early morning airwaves next month. Live coverage of the World Cup matches in India will replace the programme on Long Wave...... Page 1

### Major mends fences

John Major acted to heal a serious rift in Anglo-Irish relations triggered by his backing for an elected body in Northern Ireland to take forward the quest for .....Pages 2. 17

### Unlawful killing

A Nigerian asylum seeker who died after a struggle with police as he was arrested was unlawfully killed, an inquest jury unanimously decided ...... ...Page 3

### Policeman jailed

Brock shock

A former police sergeant with an exemplary 24-year career was jailed for seven years for seeking a £30,000 bribe to help to "nobhic" an Old Bailey jury..... Page 3

### Farmers want to resume culling bagders because the population has risen. MPs are to debate new legislation extending wild ani-

mals' protection ......Page 4

### Garden of Eden

The Eden Project, a £105 million scheme for a kilometre-long artificial world containing rain forests, subtropical gardens and a descri, is being planned for a Cornish valley ....

### Hillary's high noon

The media will be out in force for an unprecedented sight - America's proud First Lady arriving under subpoena at a Washington federal courthouse to testify about Whitewater ...... Page 9

### Bosnia cold shoulder The two Serbs who were so prom-

inent in prolonging the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina are being shunned by all Nato commanders implementing the Dayton Kremlin appointment

### A controversial industrialist was appointed to head Russia's economic policy, renewing fears about the Kremlin's commitment

to economic reformy ...... Page 11

Miracle man Pilot Baba, a Hindu holy man, crawled unsteadily out of the ground four days after being "buried alive" and took his first

### breath for 96 hours...... Page 12 Conservative dress

President Jiang Zemin of China is moving his country away from reform - and has changed his Western lounge suit for a traditional Mao suit ...... Page 13

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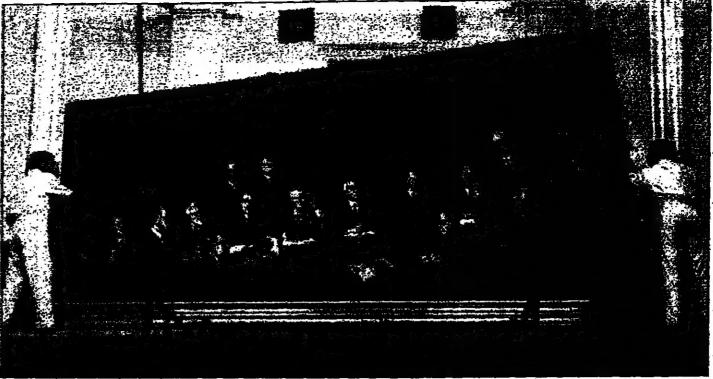
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### Jew ostracised over divorce

Moses David, of northwest London, an unemployed former computer analyst, has become the first man in Britain to be officially ostracised by the Jewish community over his refusal to divorce his wife. The sanction, delivered by the Federation of Synagogues Beth Din, a Jewish court, prohibits Orthodox Jews from eating, drinking or sitting within six feet of him... Page 1



A painting of the Cabinet of Hendrick Verwoerd, the architect of apartheid, who is seen standing, second right, being removed from the South African Parliament building in Cape Town yesterday. It will be replaced by a UN anti-apartheid exhibition

### BUSINESS

Electricity: The industry is considering spending several million pounds a year on an extensive advertising campaign to spruce up its

Belling scandal: The disgraced solicitor at the centre of the Belling pension fund affair was jailed for

investor: Kevin Leech, who put £50,000 into ML Laboratories in 1987, cashed in £55 million of shares. His remaining 54 per cent personal stake in the company is worth £353 million...... Page 21 Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 24.0 points to 3734.2. Sterling's trade-weighted index was un-

changed at 83.1 after a rise from

\$1.5130 to \$1.5148 but a fall from

DM2.2397 to DM2.2369....Page 24

### SPORT

Tennis: Monica Seles will meet Anke Huber in the women's singles final at the Australian Open. Seles best Chanda Rubin in the semifinal after being 5-2 down in the

Footbalk Faustino Asprilla, the Colombia striker, was set to sign for Newcastle United from Parma in a £7 million deal..... ..... Page 40

Boxing: The application by Joe Bugner, the former British heavyweight champion, to challenge for the Commonwealth championship has been rejected. He has had only one bout in eight years ..... Page 40 Hockey: Great Britain took a big step towards the Olympics when Calum Giles scored against Holland two minutes before the end to earn a 2-2 draw ... ... Page 36

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Paws for a record: Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's Cats passes another milestone of Monday when it becomes the longest-runring musical in history ..... Page 29 Fours of destiny: The Emerson

String Quartet has opened its cycle of all the Beethoven quartets in stunning style at the Queen Elizabeth Hall A star is born? Reviewing Scottish

Opera's La Traviata, Rodney Milnes hails the emergence of Claire Rutter as a "hugely gifted young soprano"..... .....Page 29

Pop on Friday: David Sinclair on the sudden rise to international fame of the Kentucky-born singer Joan Osborne; Caitlin Moran on the weird "post-rock" music of Tortoise, from Chicago .... Pages 30, 31

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BARGAIN BREAKS

Pick up our passport

to Europe for details

of special offer breaks

Frances Bissell's win-

ter soups and salads;

burgundy for novices

Jane MacQuitty on

FOOD AND DRINK

at 175 hotels

A husband's pride: "When the history of maternal or political courage is written there will be a chapter headed Harriet Harman. No words can express my admiration for her courage." Jack Dromey talks about his wife to Valerie Page 15

### EDUCATION

Seyond slogans: Denis MacShane on the real education issues behind the Harman affair - and why English children lag behind their continental peers...

### FASHON Divine haute couture: In an out-

standing week of Paris collections, few moments were as unforgettable as the Chanel show. Skirts either skimmed the knee or fell to the floor. Jackets held the body's line. Everything fitted like a glove. Iain-R. Webb reports \_\_\_\_.Page 14

### **公子7年度的基本等**

The state of the State of the Union is not good. Our problem is not thestate of the country, it is the ghastly rite itself. We can't decide whether it's the political equivalent of Oscar ent of the godchild of those Soviet party conferences in which unanimity ("all rise... stormy applause") was so utterly mechanical and grim. The event is entirely staged, contrived with a view to its media coverage and the imagery it projects - The Washington Post

Preview: A Tony Hancock classic revived with a new voice. Paul Merton in Galton and Simpson's .. Twelve Angry Men (8.30pm) Review: Lynne Truss finds ITV's new police series strong on formula but short on personality... Page 39

### Anglo-Irish Angst

Elections will eventually determine Northern Ireland's future. The sooner the people of the Province have a chance to speak, the better ....

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### German gloom

Germany is living off past success. and no amount of market rigging will avoid the need for painful conomic readjustments ...... Page 17

### Trumps for all

Our new bridge competition will add to the gaiety of nations, the revenues of the National Trust, and the profits of those who dare to bid up to the limits of their hands, and even beyond ..... ...... Page 17

### ADMINISTRA PETER STOTHARD

Today is the tenth anniversary of our first full day at Wapping. Now, the office of The Times seems a perfectly plausible place for a news-

paper to be, but a decade ago it did

### BERNARD LEVIN

Which? - the splendid, ironclad giorious monthly magazine which tells us which saucepan to buy, and which motorcar not to buy (to the fury of the lesser saucepan-makers and the lesser motor car makers) is on the march against the solicitors

### PETER RIDDELL

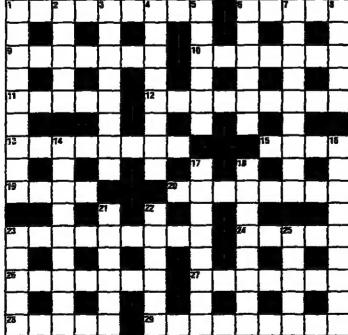
The slight recovery in the Tories' rating should be greeted with only half a cheer in Conservative Central Office. There has no been no sign of any reduction in the high level of public dissatisfaction with the Government...

### S. CHETURNES

RAB Learnyd, VC, wing commander, Professor Sylvia Lawler, geneticist: Dr Robert Weir, Chief Medical Officer, Northern Ireland, 1978-86: Wilfred Fairclough .... Page 19 watercolourist ...

Selective schools; rabies; dialysis game shooting...

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### ACROSS

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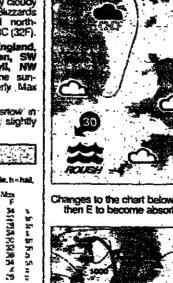
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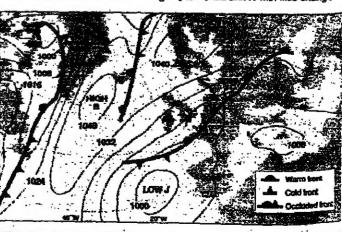
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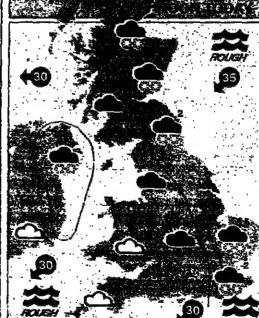
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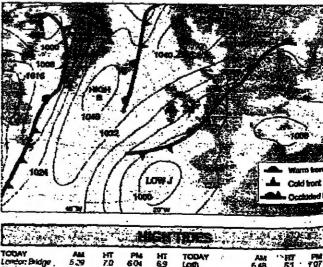
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